

Attorney-General Limits Lotteries To Halt Excesses

The evoking of the sections of the criminal code prohibiting the holding of lotteries and bingos will not greatly affect the Newmarket Veterans' Association bingos held every two weeks, law enforcement officers state. Nor is it expected that the order will call a halt to the draws for quilts, etc., which are held by various associations.

According to the press release issued by the attorney general's office at Queen's Park, the "crack-down" order was issued as a means to prevent the widespread sale of lottery tickets from becoming what it was some years before the war, a "racket" controlled by "professional promoters".

The exceptions which are listed in the criminal code apply to bingos and lotteries held for religious or charitable purposes where the prizes do not exceed \$50 in value and are items of merchandise, goods or wares that have been first offered for sale.

Under the law, bingos may be held "occasionally" with the consent of municipal councils. There is no further definition of how often is "occasionally" but it is presumed by law enforcement officers that what is meant is as often as the municipal council sees fit to give its consent.

The press release from the attorney general's office states that the penalty for "conducting or managing a lottery scheme or advertising or publishing the same is two years imprisonment and a fine not exceeding \$2,000. It is also an individual offense punishable by a fine of \$20 for anyone to buy, take or receive a lottery ticket".

Seneca Baker Dies Dec. 25 Was Former York Warden

Former warden of York county and reeve of Whitchurch township, Seneca Baker died Christmas day at his home at Baker Hill, in his 96th year. Mr. Baker had resided on the home-stead farm for 74 years.

Son of the late Joel Baker, he had taken an active part in municipal politics for many years. On his 95th birthday, celebrated last August, he received a telegram of congratulation from Prime Minister King. Mr. Baker's ancestors first settled in Pennsylvania in 1787 and his grandfather came to Whitchurch in 1815. He attended Lemonville public school. One of the founders of Baker Hill Baptist church, he was for some years church leader. Morgan Baker, a former Liberal M.P.P. for North York, is a son.

Surviving also are three other sons: Oscar, Stouffville; Bert, Whitchurch; and Eugene, at home; six daughters, Mrs. M. Cook, Newmarket; Mrs. T. Simpson, Ballantrae; Mrs. H. Barnes, Baker Hill; Ida, Lilliah and Alma, at home; 24 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dr. William Baker, 85, Peterborough, and Rev. J. J. Baker, 91, Toronto.

ON BOYS' PARLIAMENT

Donald King, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. King, Pickering College farm, has been appointed a representative from North York to the Ontario Older Boys' Parliament, which will be held Dec. 26 to Dec. 31 at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto.

VETS VS. BALLANTRAE IN HOCKEY OPENER

The Newmarket Veterans' team is playing Ballantrae, of the Aurora league, in a special pre-season opener at Newmarket Memorial arena tonight at 8.30 p.m. The league doesn't officially open until Jan. 3 when the veterans will play Newmarket camp in the opener and the Newmarket Merchants will play Roche's Point.

The four-team league in Newmarket has an interlocking schedule with the four-team league in Aurora with each team to meet the others once.

Classifieds will help you.

Attempts To Rescue Man From Smoke-Filled Room

A former Newmarket resident, Mrs. Edith Codlin, shared the credit for an attempted rescue of a man from a burning rooming house in Toronto last week. The man, James B. Hollinger, suffocated in his smoke-filled room. Mrs. Codlin was the proprietress of the rooming house where the fire was.

The fire broke out early last Thursday morning in Mr. Hollinger's third-storey room. Another roomer who discovered the fire told Mrs. Codlin, who with three others, attempted to make their way into the room after first arousing the other tenants in the building. When the firemen arrived, Mrs. Codlin abandoned attempts to reach the room and descending to the ground floor, carried her nine-year-old son, William, and his little pup to safety.

Mrs. Codlin, the former Edith Wilson, used to live on Main St. and at one time was employed by Davis Leather Co.

OFFICE OPEN

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

EMPLOYED HERE



Recently discharged from the R.C.A.F., Jack Reid, formerly of Orillia, is employed at Brice's Meat Store. He had worked with Mr. Brice in Orillia. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have recently moved to town.

36 FAMILIES GET BASKETS CHRISTMAS EVE

Members of the Newmarket Lions club were out Christmas Eve distributing Christmas baskets made possible by donations to the club by Newmarket citizens. Baskets were sent to 36 families for a total of 97 children. Each basket contained a sweater, mitts and stockings for the children as well as groceries including fruit, candy, nuts and canned goods.

Amount previously acknowledged \$114.
H. W. G. \$ 1.
A. G. Peppiatt \$ 2.
In memory of A. Loved One, Sharon \$ 2.
Miss Holditch \$ 5.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Robinson, Yonge St. S. 2.
Mrs. L. P. Cane \$ 2.
C. A. Cuthers \$ 10.
Mrs. T. C. Watson \$ 2.
Aubrey Doan \$ 2.
Mrs. H. Molyneux \$ 2.
Pickering College \$ 15.
A Friend \$ 5.
In memory of A. Former Member \$100.
Total \$561.

On Jan. 4, the Lions club is sponsoring a radio show with local talent in the Newmarket town hall. The Newmarket Boys' band will be featured. The program opens at 8 p.m. with proceeds for welfare work.

RELEASE GROUPINGS FOR MINOR HOCKEY

Groupings released by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association show Aurora to be grouped in the juvenile series, with Bradford, Bolton and Newmarket. In the mid-level series, Aurora and Newmarket, from the "B" series, are grouped with Etobicoke mid-levels from the "A" series.

O. J. Hardwick of Bolton, who serves on the O.M.H.A. executive, is convener of the juvenile "C" group, and Leonard Simmons of Aurora is the convener of the mid-level group. Schedules will be announced shortly.

PRESENT CANTATA AT SATURDAY RALLY

"If we were to send all the ministers and evangelists out of the country for six months or a year, when they came back they would find the people lined up at the church doors instead of the beverage rooms," Rev. Wm. McRoberts, B.A., M.T.H., said in an inspiring address on "Why Christ Came" at the Youth for Christ Rally on Saturday evening.

Mr. McRoberts also said that if the war lords were taken out and put in the front lines, there would be no more wars. He regretted the treatment of the returning soldiers who had sacrificed so much. Many, he said, had no jobs to go to, much less a place to lay their heads.

Mr. McRoberts gave an outline of the reasons why Christ came to earth, the chief being "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sin."

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Christmas cantata, The Music of Bethlehem, by the Ambassador Male Singers of Toronto, under the direction of Cyril Redford, Mrs. Neustand of Toronto sang two Christmas numbers and Miss Joan McAllister, a Toronto elocutionist, gave two numbers.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woodruff, Mr. James Haines, Toronto, and Mr. Austin Haines, Kingston, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haines and family.

—Mrs. Harold Pemberton, June and Joan, spent Christmas with Mrs. Pemberton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos York, Brown Hill.

—Mr. Floyd Denne, Kingston Veterans' hospital, is spending the holiday week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Denne.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Ecobichon spent Christmas day at Peterborough.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Topham visited in Brampton for Christmas.

—Mrs. W. O. Noble and daughter spent Christmas in Toronto at the home of Dr. Noble's parents.

—Mrs. C. E. Cunningham is spending her Christmas holidays at Port Credit.

—Miss Josephine Isabel Smith, Miss Ann Ross, Miss Lavenda Harrison, Miss Marjory Shaw, Mr. Alex. Harrison, Miss Jessie Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown and Mr. Howard Leonard, all of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith.

—Miss May Keith spent Christmas in Toronto the guest of Magistrate and Mrs. Wm. Keith.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry March spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lockert, Pine Beach.

—Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Widdifield were Miss Doris Borden, Oakville, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allen and Miss A. M. Widdifield, Pine Orchard.

—Mr. Donald McBride, Orillia, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. James A. McBride.

—Miss Martha Coorsen, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Garfat and daughter of Aurora will spend New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Morley McPhee.

—Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Macdonald, Toronto, Mr. Mike Williams, Buffalo, and Mr. Earl Steele, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Nesbitt.

—Mrs. Britt Obbe, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Obbe.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alver Leeder, Toronto, and Mr. Frank Leeder, Brampton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Leeder.

—Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lockhart.

—Mr. and Mrs. Verne Lundy and Mrs. T. H. Carter, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. Lundy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Lundy.

—Miss Audrey Lundy spent the Christmas holiday with her parents.

—Mrs. R. V. Mathews, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her son, Mr. N. L. Mathews, and Mrs. Mathews.

—Mrs. Godfrey Robertson, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. C. H. R. Clark.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanZant and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pollock and Carol, Messrs. Henry and William VanZant and Miss Margaret VanZant spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ross VanZant, Collingwood.

—Mrs. Ruby Cody, Toronto, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. James Sutherland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Telford McMullen visited their son, Mr. Ross McMullen, and Mrs. McMullen, in Toronto on Christmas day.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dales, Mr. and Mrs. John Dales, and Robert Dales, all of Toronto, had Christmas dinner with Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Dales.

—Mr. Orla Phillips, Toronto, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ben Phillips.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cockburn and boys spent Christmas with relatives at Guelph.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Meyer and Miss Annabel Meyer visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meyer and Geoffrey on Christmas Day.

—Cpl. Dorothy Howarth, C.W.A.C., Toronto, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans over the weekend.

—Mr. Fleming Young had Christmas dinner with Rev. D. C. Soules at the Elliott House and Christmas evening with Mr. Clifford Soules, Toronto.

—Mrs. Agnes Robinson and Mr. Roy Robinson, Toronto, called on Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Soules, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Lloyd, Newmarket, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Wood.

—Mrs. A. F. Johns spent Christmas and a couple of days visiting relatives at Rockwood.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. V. White, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Robert Harland, and Mr. Harland.

—Capt. and Mrs. Hugh Maclean and Catherine fly for Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, from Miami, Fla., on Sunday, Jan. 6.

—Mr. Arthur Brymer, Helen Mines, 200 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, is spending the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. Clara Brymer.

—Mr. Bruce Jefferson, Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jefferson.

—Mr. Victor Langford, Milton, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langford.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson attended a family gathering on Christmas day at the home of their son, Mr. Donald Patterson, Toronto.

—Mr. Harry Peppiatt and Miss Gloria Peppiatt, Reg. N., spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Peppiatt.

—Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Phimister, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. P. Newman, Craighurst, and Mr. George Phimister spent Christmas with Mrs. James Phimister.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Playter and Wray spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Verne Playter, Toronto.

—Miss Margaret Robinson, Toronto, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Robinson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malcolm, Toronto, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Saxon.

—Mr. Roy Denne spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Melville Schrank.

—Mr. V. S. Webster, Toronto, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. G. B. Webster.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Gillard, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. Gillard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillard.

—Mr. Emmerson Smith, Birch Cliff, Toronto, spent the weekend and Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith.

—Mrs. C. W. Henderson, Mr. Harry Henderson and Mr. Austin, Toronto, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Max Smith.

—Rev. and Mrs. David Sparks, Copetown, are spending the Christmas holiday with Rev. Sparks' parents, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Sparks.

—Miss Dorothy Cox is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Paris, Ont.

—Mr. William Sparks, St. Catharines, will spend New Year's day with his mother, Mrs. George Sparks.

POLICE WARN DRIVERS BEWARE ICY ROADS

"Newmarket is averaging an accident a day on winter roads," Chief James F. Leeder reported early this week. "None of the accidents are serious and as a rule there has been no one hurt. The accidents are a result of cars sliding into each other on icy roads."

Chief Leeder warned every one driving to take additional care, pointing out that war-worn tires did not have the grip on the roads that they might have had a few years back. He reported that as far as the police were concerned, it had been a quiet Christmas.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 28—Eastern Star dance in Belhaven hall. Don Gilkes' orchestra. 50 cents admission, lunch included. Draw on blanket. c2w47

Friday, Dec. 28—Christmas tea will be held at the home of Mrs. W. A. McCaffrey, 51 Lorne Ave., Newmarket, 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. There will be a silver collection for the Catholic Women's League. c2w47

Saturday, Dec. 29—Novelty dance at Sharon hall, sponsored by Sharon Junior Farmers. Harvey Miller's orchestra. Admission 35 cents. Dancing from 8 to 12. c2w47

New Year's Eve frolic at Midlebrook's dance hall, Armistage. Hats, horns and fun for all. Good orchestra, old time and modern dancing from 9 till 2, also New Year's night dance. clw48

Tuesday, Jan. 15—Veterans' bingo in the town hall, Newmarket, at 8 p.m. Jack pot \$17, attendance prize \$10, \$50 in merchandise prizes. Lots of fun. Admission 35c. Proceeds for use in veterans' activities. c2w48

Friday, Jan. 18—The Ladies' Lawn Bowling club is sponsoring a dance at Club 14 on Millard Ave. Refreshments. \$2 a couple. c4w48

PLAN HOCKEY SCHOOL ON RULE REVISIONS

The first hockey school in Newmarket will open its doors Friday in the market building at 8.30 p.m. with a faculty of Capt. Bing Caswell, captain of the camp hockey team, T.A.M. (Ab) Hulse, Down The Centre columnist in The Era and Express, and Les Beazer, manager of the Newmarket Memorial arena.

The purpose of the school is to bring local puck-chasers up to date on the latest changes in hockey rules. Mr. Hulse and Capt. Caswell attended the recent meeting of Ontario referees where the changes were made and are in a position to explain the whys and wherefores of the revisions. Since they are extensive, hockey fans and players alike are advised to attend the school.

MAYOR TELLS OF LIFE HERE IN BROADCAST

Mayor Dr. L. W. Dales spoke over the radio Sunday morning in a broadcast describing Newmarket. The broadcast was one of a series where the mayor or reeve of municipalities surrounding Toronto are invited to introduce their respective municipalities to the radio audience.

In his address, Mayor Dales told of the industries in town, the school and church facilities. He described the work being done by the Lions club, he told of York County hospital, the ice carnival at Newmarket Memorial arena and the summer recreation program.

Speaking of the housing situation, Mayor Dales said "the demand for housing has been met by a large sub-division opened this year to provide permanent homes for civilians and returned service personnel".

Dr. Dales concluded his address with the following paragraph: "Truly we are a happy, self-contained town. Free from slums and delinquency—proud of it. Indebted only to the many unselfish and public-spirited citizens who have offered their time and talents on council and on committee to attain this high standard of municipal life in the town of Newmarket."

MEET JANUARY 7

The members of the Scouts Mothers' Auxiliary are asked to come to the next meeting on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. prepared to help clean the scout hall.

\$55,000 In Twp. Account As King Finishes Year

King township will finish the year with a "very substantial balance" in its bank account, Reeve Thomas MacMurchy said at the last meeting of council. At mid-December, the municipality had \$55,000 in the bank.

"We have the distinction of having sold debentures totalling \$17,000 to net 102, the highest rate in the province," Mr. MacMurchy declared. "Tax payments have been coming in at a good rate."

During 1945 a total of \$15,000 was spent on roads and bridges, \$1,172 was paid to West Gwillimbury township as King's share in maintenance of pumps and dikes in the Holland Marsh area and \$22,000 was spent on roads in the marsh. There will be five snowplows operating this winter on township roads, he added.

Council passed an agreement drawn up between a farmer and the village of King City whereby a well now sunk on the farm property adjoining the village will be piped to the main road for use in the establishment of water supply for the village.

Council also agreed to pay Aurora a retaining fee of \$250 as King township's share in maintenance of fire equipment belonging to Aurora. The agreement whereby Aurora fire equipment would serve the eastern part of King township has not yet been signed, Mr. MacMurchy stated, because council has not yet agreed to a clause which provides for King township responsibility for the firemen while at work.

BROWNIES MEET JANUARY 7
The first Brownie meeting of the new year will be held Monday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m.

Industrial Members Urge New Set-Up To Handle Duties

The need for a new arrangement for the industrial committee of the Newmarket town council was voiced by its chairman, Joseph Vale, at a special meeting of the council Friday night. "The work of the industrial committee has become so heavy that it is impossible for the members of the committee to devote the time required for industrial matters without considerable sacrifice in their own businesses," Mr. Vale said.

The discussion arose following notice of a motion of appreciation of the work done by the council and ordering the payment of an honorarium to the three committee members for their work "over and beyond that called for in the ordinary course of municipal duties".

Mr. Vale and a second member of the committee, J. L. Spillette, indicated that they would refuse such an honorarium. Frank Bowser, a third member of the committee, was not present at the meeting.

Presenting the motion, Mayor Dr. L. W. Dales said that Newmarket had been most fortunate in the past year in the locating of industries in town. "All present indications are that the coming year will see more industries here," he said. "The industrial committee has been most active in interesting industries in locating here. The town will never know how great a debt is owing the members of the committee. It would be on my conscience were this council to close the year without providing something tangible in the way of appreciation. Mr. Vale is a professional man and has had to be away from his business on municipal matters so much so that it has been considerable loss to him. It has been the same with Mr. Spillette and Mr. Bowser. I would ask them, therefore, to accept an honorarium as some recompense for their very successful endeavors."

IN THE FIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. David Moulds received a Christmas greeting telegram from their son, Cpl. Ivan E. Moulds, who is now near Aldershot. Cpl. Moulds left Holland about November 25. He has been on a leave in Scotland.

Word has been received by Mrs. Harold Evans from her husband, Sgt. Harold Evans, that he expects to sail from England on Dec. 28, on the Mauritania. Signum. Walter Bryner expects to sail on the Mauritania from England on Dec. 28 and will arrive in Canada early in the New Year.

LAC Kenneth Widdifield, who is stationed near White Horse in the Yukon Territory, spent Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Widdifield.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Salvation Army Sunday-school entertainment was held on Friday evening. A mock radio program of songs, solos, duets, recitations and stories was arranged and given by the Sunday-school members. Delbert Gibney was present and entertained the boys and girls with several items.

At the close of the program Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed gifts, and each child received a bag containing candies, nuts and an orange.

CHURCH BROADCASTS CHRISTMAS CAROLS

From the Christian church, Christmas carols were broadcast each evening for a week and a half before Christmas through the facilities of the Newmarket Memorial Broadcast.

The senior choir provided the following special Christmas music at the morning service, Christmas Eve, 11:30 a.m.: The Happy Morn, Maundy; Behold I Bring You Good Tidings, Churchill.

The evening service took the form of a candlelight carol service with the junior choir and double trio presenting three groupings of carols. First, The First Noel, with descant, Deck The Hall, Wassail Song; second, Good King Wenceslas, Holly And Ivy, Sleep Little Dove; third, Silent Night, double trio with descant. While Shepherds Watched, solo by Marion Gibson with descant by double trio.

After the evening service the Christian Endeavor made a number of calls to sick and shut in people, singing a few favorite carols at each home.

"The citizens don't appreciate the work that is being done by these men," said Reeve F. A. Lundy. "At one time we discussed retaining an agent and would have been willing to pay a \$1,000 fee. Our own committee has had citizens ready to grapple with the problem and bring it to a successful conclusion." He said he was in favor of paying a \$500 honorarium to be divided between the three committee members.

"The problem is not one of an honorarium," said Mr. Vale. "We seek office as councillors at \$25 a year and serve to the best of our ability. It is illegal for the council to vote an honorarium to us. We should not put our fellow councillors in that position. We all have in mind the amount of time and energy that has been spent on prospects where there were no results. If we have any sense of responsibility we dare not pass up prospects but it is becoming too much to track down each rumor we hear. It is getting us down. It is taking too much time. Yet every time we hear of a possibility, we dare not ignore it."

Mr. Vale said he saw no way to solve the difficulty. "If we hired some one, he would not bring to the task the same enthusiasm."

"The town is not so unreasonable as to ask anybody to make sacrifices on its behalf without compensation," said Dr. Dales. "Making payment by means of an honorarium is a new idea but so was the payment of salaries to councillors. I don't think the payment of an honorarium would be illegal."

Mr. Spillette suggested that the town solicitor, N. L. Mathews, K.C., might be able to remove some of the burden from Mr. Vale. Mayor Dales replied that Mr. Mathews was engaged in other work and that he had his hands full with routine municipal legal matters.

ENVOY SPEAKS AT S.A.

Christmas Sunday services at the Salvation Army were conducted by Envoy and Mrs. Archie MacCorquodale, Toronto. The Envoy's messages were well received. At the morning service his subject was Peace on Earth, and in the evening spoke on "Twas the night before Christmas." Carol singing was greatly enjoyed during the day.

The visitors were present at Sunday-school, Envoy MacCorquodale telling the Christmas story and leading in the singing of carols. Each one present at Sunday-school received a Christmas button with Merry Christmas on it.

The following is a list of expenditures of the Newmarket Veterans' Association from Sept. 30, 1940, to Sept. 30, 1945:

Welfare and assistance to comrades and war widows, \$484.83; Christmas cheer, hampers, etc., \$109.01;

Donated to the Red Cross, \$20; Raised and donated to the overseas comforts fund, \$590.07.

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A PROBLEM FOR 1946

The refusal of Joseph Vale, chairman of the industrial committee, on behalf of the other two members of the committee, J. L. Spillette and Frank Bowser, to accept the honorarium pressed upon them by their fellow council members in recognition of and partial compensation for the business sacrifices made by these men in order to carry out the duties of the committee, brings to light a problem that compels immediate attention.

Mr. Vale's refusal was made on two counts. The first was that the voting of an honorarium by council to a member of council was, he claimed, illegal. The other was that the honorarium by no means solved a problem that members of the committee faced. The duties of the committee have become so onerous that it is necessary for the members of the committee to make considerable business sacrifices, entailing growing losses. Payment of an honorarium, while carrying with it the good wishes of the citizens, is only a temporary solution to the problem, Mr. Vale declared.

Briefly, the situation is this. The work of the industrial committee has grown far beyond that which the citizens have a right to expect their representatives to undertake. The industrial committee will have an even more active year in 1946. In considering this fact, it is worth pointing out that while the locating of the Canadian Hoffman Co. here is visible proof of the work done by the committee, less obvious but just as important is the amount of work done to interest other industries where the results have been less successful.

The committee is charged with the tracing down of every rumor or tip of an industry seeking a new location. Mostly, the results are discouraging. But such rumors or tips can not be ignored. It was just such a tip that led to the locating of the Canadian Hoffman factory here. Whether results or not, following up each prospect takes time and energy. It is becoming too much for a committee of council.

What substitutes are there? At one time the council considered retaining an agent, at other times, it was thought advertising in overseas newspapers would do the job. But it is rightly pointed out that no agent could bring to the task the enthusiasm and interest that a local representative could, and that overseas advertising, unless followed up by personal canvas, was at the best, a doubtful means.

It is obvious that the members of the industrial committee cannot be asked to continue to carry the burden they are at present. It will be one of the many tasks facing the 1946 council to place the work of the industrial committee on a more equitable basis.

A FAIR REQUEST

The King township council has asked the province to amend the statutes so that King township can tax businesses active in the township but whose premises are beyond the municipal boundary. The position of the township is contained in the following resolution which was passed Dec. 15:

"Whereas during the past few years this municipality has had to maintain our roads for the use of Toronto trucks of various pursuits in business.

"And whereas persons or firms following the same lines of business in this municipality and in the county cannot enter the city of Toronto to do business without paying a business tax or license. "And whereas these Toronto firms are gradually driving our local businesses from the field of commercial activity and are contributing nothing to the taxation of this municipality.

"Therefore be it resolved that this council hereby petitions the provincial government to so amend the statutes of this province so that municipal councils shall be given the power to tax or license each unit of any outside firm who operates in this township and that the seal of the corporation be attached to this resolution."

The request would seem to be a fair one. Too often, outlying municipalities are treated as fair game for businesses located in the city. It would be only just, therefore, if those same businesses were to pay towards the upkeep of the area in which they operate. We strongly advise that the provincial government take the matter under consideration with the intention of rectifying the inequity.

SATAN AND HIS BROTHERS

Newspaper readers have been following with an interest that rivals that claimed by the comic strips the day to day account of the immobilizing of Satan, the huge, unexploded bomb, that had rested deep in a lumber yard in Croydon, England. At one time more familiarly known as Herman in left-handed tribute to the fat man who directed the Luftwaffe against England, Satan was dropped in 1941 but since it was considered harmless as long as it was undisturbed, it was left for peacetime disposal.

After much hazardous digging and probing, and a steam bath to "sterilize" its load of high explosive, Satan was removed last week. Royal Engineers under the direction of 23-year-old Lieut. G. A. Frake, who is quoted as saying during a particularly dangerous part of the work "this is my second big bomb job... I wouldn't want anything to happen now," worked over 200 days to remove the two-ton bomb.

The daily unfolding of the dramatic story rivalled in suspense the best creations of detective story writers and comic strip artists. The news that the bomb was finally destroyed was greeted

with the same satisfaction that is felt at a successful coup of Dick Tracy. But with the sight of relief that greeted the end of the bomb, in true comic strip tradition, came the disclosure that Satan had numerous little brothers.

A mile from where Satan was unearthed, engineers discovered a 2,000-pound bomb that had lain where it fell since 1941. A 30-foot shaft has been sunk and it is hoped that by the new year, the bomb will be removed. There are still 24 unexploded bombs in Greater London area. Another lies beneath St. James' Park, not far from Buckingham Palace. Still another was found after a three-year search in Hull. The bomb was dropped in July, 1942, narrowly missed the meat market, and imbedded itself in the soft soil below the surface.

There are many more which can claim kinship with Satan. Large and small, air mines, land mines, sea mines, unexploded ammunition buried below the surface of the earth or adrift in the sea, they will continue to exact a toll of lives as they are struck by farmers' plows or ships at sea. The scars of war on the earth's surface will be many years yet in healing.

What Others Think

HOPES FOR ABUNDANCE

(The Financial Post)

Hopes of an abundant supply of consumer and durable goods within the next few months and at reasonable prices, are fading. Strikes and unrealistic wage demands, rather than the physical problems of reconverting factories from war to peace, are mainly responsible.

Consumers who have gone through five years of shortages, salary freezing and submission to drastic regimentation, are beginning to ask themselves if this sacrifice has been useless.

There was little or no kicking during the war. Consumers cheerfully submitted to restrictions and hardship in a national effort to speed victory and avoid inflation. Military victory has now been won, but there is no certainty that we have beaten inflation, or that we are to have the goods and prosperity that were expected after the war.

Consumers are beginning to fear, and with reason, that the Victory bonds they set aside to buy houses, automobiles, radios, washing machines and a score of other products, may only buy about half the goods they planned to get and need. If that fear proves well founded, then their purchases will only provide half the work anticipated. Instead of a great period of prosperity which production of all the goods needed would certainly bring about, we may encounter something much less desirable, an era of continued shortages, plus high prices and slim employment.

Already there are disturbing indications that our normal peacetime economy, dogged by strikes, is slowing down at a time when it should be expanding. Last month The Financial Post index of production slumped from 215 to 208.5. While some of this decline undoubtedly was still due to the cessation of war work, a halt in other production was also noted.

And the Canadian consumer, unfortunately, is not the only one affected. Today with the whole world short of goods, with Germany and Japan out of the world export picture, Canadian producers of food and manufactured mineral and forest products have an unparalleled opportunity for expansion into new export fields.

Our productive plant, greatly enlarged since pre-war, could handle that expansion, and we need it urgently if we are to provide employment for everyone willing to work. But we cannot hope to make any permanent export gains unless we provide goods at prices that will compare favorably with our competitors.

Now the prosperous postwar period Canada anticipated is endangered by a few irresponsible persons, who see in the present shortage of goods only an opportunity for making demands which, if granted, will merely lead to inflation and no real prosperity for anyone.

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

(Fort Erie Times Review)

To curb the current outbreak of crime and violence, the department of justice has had under consideration certain amendments to the criminal code. It is understood that one of these would have made the possession by private individuals of revolvers and similar firearms an offence. However, there appeared to be such serious disadvantages to this idea that it was discarded, probably with some reluctance.

During the course of a murder trial about 10 years ago, evidence was given which disclosed the facility with which the murderer had been able to obtain ammunition for the weapon he used to commit his crime. Apparently it was an automatic, repeating pistol of somewhat unusual make. The manager of the store who sold the ammunition was called as a witness, and gave evidence that he was not able to provide the peculiar type of ammunition out of stock, but obligingly obtained it from some source of supply, and sold it to the murderer the next day.

In the light of such a revelation, and if private possession of small firearms is to continue, it seems obvious that there should be some form of effective control over the sale of ammunition. A legal permit should be issued only after thorough investigation of each applicant, and should be valid for only one purchase of a strictly limited supply.

The holder of a permit should be held accountable for the ammunition he is allowed to purchase, and have to report to the police if any of it is used or found to be missing. This should provide reasonable protection against a permit holder giving or selling any of his ammunition to somebody else.

At the same time, of course, dealers in ammunition would have to be placed under similar, rigid controls to prevent their selling to any one but the holder of a valid permit.

Such a system may seem complicated, but what alternative is there? As long as both firearms and shells to fit them are so easily procurable, it is going to be next to impossible for the authorities to put a quick end to the present crime wave.

Even if the plan under consideration were in effect, one problem would still remain, and that is the matter of how best to collect all the ammunition which is now in the hands of private persons, and especially those with criminal tendencies. We regretfully have to leave the solution of that one to the minister of justice and his advisers.

RECENT DISTRICT WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher were married in Elm St. church, Toronto. The bride was the former Vivian Dorothy Helena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Boyd, Unionville. The groom is the son of Mrs. James Fletcher, Hamilton, and the late Mr. Fletcher.

Text Of Mayor's Address

The following is a partial text of Mayor Dr. L. W. Dales' address over the radio Sunday:

It is a pleasure now to speak a few words descriptive of the town of Newmarket. Driving north on highway number 11, you come to the Eagle St. stop sign. In place of continuing north turn right, and in a tree-filled valley three-quarters of a mile further discover for yourself the town of Newmarket. Drive slowly for there are many children attending our schools and our police chief doesn't encourage speeding or reckless driving. You see stretching north our main street and business section. At all hours of the day it is the index of the town's commercial life, and the shopping public with their cars and trucks, tax our store and street accommodation to the limit.

But it is an enviable picture of prosperous town life. Does my lady delight in her beautiful footwear. Most likely the leather in the shoes she's wearing at the moment, was processed in Newmarket. The business executive who takes pride in his imposing desk, his ease in that comfortable office chair, and a delight in his efficient filing system, will find that they too came from busy hands in Newmarket.

Perhaps even the pencil you make the memos to guide your busy day, bears the name of Newmarket. Newmarket also produces the materials for that modern cabinet, that plywood floor, that door or sash, to make your new home more livable. And all the small essentials for your home table are here in abundance from the gardens and farms of prosperous central York county.

If you are ill, the doors of York County hospital, with a staff of competent nurses and doctors, are open. It is a splendid hospital of 75 beds, with modern medical facilities throughout. If you have a family to educate, three public schools, the separate school, and one high school offer your children all the advantages of the day. If private and personal attention is required, Pickering College will provide your favorite son, or sons, with the finest curriculum, for academic, business, and sports available, anywhere.

The town of Newmarket has many churches, affording every citizen the opportunity of worshipping in the tradition of their own faith, in one of 11 churches located here.

Health and recreation are not forgotten. Organized summer sports have been developed. In winter the Memorial Arena owned by the town, provides all the skating and hockey necessary for such a community, and our local talent provides the community ice carnival lasting two evenings in the early spring.

The demand for housing has been met by a large sub-division opened this year, to provide permanent homes for civilians and returned service personnel.

Watching for the neglected corners and lapses in our community life, the efficient and successful Lions Club carry on their social service program.

Truly we are a happy self-contained town. Free from slums and delinquency — proud of it. Indeed only to the many unselfish and public spirited citizens, who have offered their time and talents on council and on committee to attain this high standard of municipal life in the town of Newmarket.

25 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 24, 1920.

W. R. Cowieson is remodelling the rear of his restaurant.

John A. Boag and sons of Queensville won the grand championship for stallions at the recent Guelph Winter Fair.

Two big, black bears are roaming in King township. The town softball girls are trying their hand at hockey this season.

Nomination is next Monday. There has been skating on Fairy Lake this week.

The public schools had closing exercises on Wednesday.

The public library will close Dec. 24 and reopen Jan. 3.

The Epworth league had an interesting program on Monday evening.

50 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 27, 1895.

The ice on the rink has been spoiled by the thaw.

Bad roads and dull weather affected the Christmas market on Saturday.

The directors have succeeded in getting a flowing well at the cemetery at a depth of 120 ft.

The wash-out on Prospect Ave., in front of the Model school, was fixed on Monday.

Three more cars of machinery for the Specialty Co. arrived this week.

The boys of N.H.S. gave a surprise to their junior, Alex. Moffatt, on Friday afternoon.

Monday is nomination day. The 1896 calendars are in demand.

There was plowing in this vicinity on Tuesday.

The Masons will install their new officers tonight.

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GOSPEL ECHOES

By REV. A. B. STEIN, Pastor
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At the time of writing, the Christian world is in the midst of its most enchanted season, Christmas and New Year's. One might well ask: "What is it that lends such magic to this season?" "How is it that this season never loses its grip on us?" In actual fact it is the answer to these questions which occupy the minds and hearts of ministers in their pulpits throughout the remainder of the year. Upon this answer I would but lightly touch.

To my mind it is a very appropriate arrangement where by New Year's festivities follow so swiftly upon our Christmas celebrations. Christmas is a time of rejoicing and gladness only because of the coming of the Lord Jesus. The message of God regarding Him was: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sin." And again: "His name shall be called Immanuel, God with us."

Here again is an appropriate order. First the Saviour, then the presence of God vouchsafed.

Another has expressed the tremendous truth here involved: Oh prodigious wonder

To be sounded by the thunder Our God on earth a child,

But as the light, not lightning Attracting not affrightening Earth and heaven reconciled.

But to return to our original thought. With the coming of Christ our calendar changed. We date time from Him. How wonderful that He who came in such mighty weakness could give a world groaning under its burden of sin, a new birth-day; a new beginning; a fresh hope, and a new zeal to aspire to God's requirements of it. The true meaning of Christmas is that the Son of God became the son of man that sons of men might become the sons of God. Mark well: This was only accomplished by Calvary and its sacrifice. All who have entered into the meaning of that sacrifice have entered into the meaning of Christmas and Easter and know experientially the meaning of the words: "Now then we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." We have a new birthday, we have a new beginning, for the only thing that really matters is what we do for God. We have a new hope and a fresh zeal to aspire to God's requirements of us. Thus we see that Bethlehem was only the prelude to Calvary and must never be divorced from it.

A beautiful picture of this is seen in the Old Testament, Exodus 12, when the Lamb was taken and its blood shed and sprinkled on the lintels and side posts of the door as a means of safety

from divine judgment and deliverance from the land of bondage. There we read these words: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you."

When we meet Christ then, through Bethlehem and Calvary, we start out afresh. We are on a new road with a new hope, yea with a new life. It is the expression of this new life to which we devote ourselves throughout the year.

The question has often been asked: "What is Christianity?" It is not dogma, or creed, or resolution. It is not a determination or declaration to be good. We see the substance of its meaning in Christ's words to Peter. Christ did not ask him if he would be a good and faithful leader. He did not ask if he would believe this, that or the other. He did not harp back on Peter's failure. He asked one question only and this is the essence of Christianity: "Lovest thou Me?" Peter could answer that and so can you. We do not love Him as we ought or desire, but we do love Him and long that our capacity to love Him might ever be increased.

When Peter was able to answer that question with conviction, Christ's further words came to him as they do to us: "Feed my sheep, serve me and others."

Christianity is not ethics, church or theology. It is faith in a person and relationship to Him. Christianity for you and me is what we do with a person and what we let Him do with us.

As in a few days we enter up-

on a new year, may it be in the spirit of love exemplified when Christ came to Bethlehem. And may it not be ours to strive to be what we think we ought to be, but let God, by His spirit, make us what He wants us to become.

ZEPHYR

Mrs. James Galbraith has just returned from a week's visit at Buffalo, N.Y. While there she attended the marriage of her niece, Ruby Menken, to Capt. Ralph Chapman, medical corps, U.S. army. The bride and groom will leave for Texas in a few days where they will reside.



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KING COUNCIL WANTS TO TAX TORONTO BUSINESSES

The last regular meeting of King township council was held at Sutton's hotel, Schomberg, on Saturday, Dec. 15, 1945, at 9.30 a.m.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Toronto Western hospital, re indigent, \$17.25; department of game and fisheries, hunting licenses, \$5.15; H. G. Rose, registrations, \$4; Oliver Emmerson, supplies, \$3.75; department of health, insulin, \$3.92; Wm. Davis, police fees and mileage, \$25.75; Harold Pringle, rent, township office, November and December, \$25;

Nobleton postmaster, stamps, \$18; J. H. Sutton, rent, meeting, \$5; J. D. Lucas, disbursements, \$20.14; King Masonic lodge, nomination meeting, \$10; J. A. Farquhar, police fees and mileage, \$27.35; Mrs. Robt. Weir, meal and

FROM KESWICK



Douglas Arthur Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dawson, Keswick, will be two years old in January. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hirst, Keswick, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawson, Toronto.

lodging indigent, \$1; Chas. H. Ross, postage, \$4; Arthur Wellesley, school attendance services, December, \$8.30; Arthur Wellesley, school attendance services, November, \$19.20; Ernie Hutchins, cemetery, \$10; Thos. MacMurchy, long distance phone calls, \$1.90;

Road voucher No. 13, \$4,407.35; road voucher No. 14, \$1,877.47; relief voucher, \$42.80.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of the county of York for \$9,452.16, the balance of the 1945 county levy.

The clerk was instructed to forward a check to the town of Aurora, re the Aurora fire brigade, for \$250, being the standby time and service charge for 1945.

The following resolution was passed by council:

"Whereas during the past few years this municipality has had to maintain our roads for the use of Toronto trucks of various pursuits in business.

"And whereas persons or firms following the same lines of business in this municipality and in the county cannot enter the city of Toronto to do business without paying a business tax or license.

"And whereas these Toronto firms are gradually driving our local businesses from the field

of commercial activity and are contributing nothing to the taxation of this municipality.

Therefore be it resolved that this council hereby petitions the provincial government to so amend the statutes of this province so that municipal councils shall be given the power to tax or license each unit of any outside firm who operates in this township and that the seal of the corporation be attached to this resolution."

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the following for the amount set opposite their names to cover the loss of sheep worried by dogs as per sworn statements now on file: A. Brillinger, \$8; Gordon Bond, \$14; Thos. Ellison, \$60; Claire Shaw, \$20; Earl Edwards, \$20; Irvine Staley, \$15.

Ross Black was paid \$4. Chas. Walton, \$2; Claire Shaw, \$2; and Nelson Wauchope, \$4 for their services as valuers.

The council purchased an A-20V snow plow for \$1,193.83, mounted on the township truck.

The road superintendent was authorized to procure 2,000 feet of snow fence for use on the roads within marsh area No. 1 as outlined by W. Watson to the council.

The council authorized the reeve and clerk to complete the police village of King's agreement re water rights with John C. Dew in every detail.

December 26, or Boxing Day, was declared a public holiday throughout the township.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of the county of York for \$51.37, the township of King's share of hospitalization for October, 1945.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of the township of West Gwillimbury for \$1,172.60, the township of King's share of maintenance for 1945.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of the several school sections and Union school sections in the township of King, the total of requisitions amounting to \$32,103.05.

The council adjourned to meet at Armstrong's hotel on Monday, Jan. 14, 1946, at 11 a.m., or at the call of the chair.

PINE ORCHARD

The Willing Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Toole on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Harper visited relatives at Mongolia and Newcastle recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Eveleigh and family of Aurora and Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston and Earl spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman.

Mr. Lloyd Heaslip is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Lindsay.

Misses Grace Sproston, Caledon, and Audrey Sproston, Hope, are spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Pte. Ruth Armitage, C.W.A.C., London, Ont., spent Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Armitage.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae McClure spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield, Thornbury.

The school concert and Christmas tree was held at the school on Thursday evening, Dec. 20.

Mr. S. Gibney was chairman for the evening. An excellent program was presented by the children, including a play entitled Angel Child, the kitchen rhythm band by the juniors, a mock wedding, choruses, drills, solos and duets. The children and teachers, Mr. Lloyd Heaslip and Miss Betty Hope, are to be congratulated on the evening's entertainment.

At the close of the program Santa arrived and distributed gifts and candies to the children of the school section.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reid, Markham, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hutchinson and family, Miss Edith Shropshire and Mrs. Leslie McKnight, Joan and Alvin, Newmarket, attended the school concert.

MRS. T. LEACH NAMED ST. PAUL'S W.A. HEAD

St. Paul's Woman's Auxiliary held its annual election of officers last week. Hon. pres., Mrs. G. A. Stone, Miss Way, Mrs. T. C. Watson; pres., Mrs. T. Leach; first vice-pres., Mrs. J. O. Little; second vice-pres., Mrs. F. Coupland; rec. sec., Mrs. Arthur D. Evans; cor. sec., Mrs. Robt. Large; social service, Mrs. J. Hillier; living message, Mrs. A. Thompson; Dorens superintendent, Mrs. W. Bacon; assistants, Mrs. F. Hoare, Mrs. F. Coupland.

Refreshment convenors, Mrs. K. Howard and Mrs. A. Revill; organist, Mrs. J. O. Little; reactor nominees, Mrs. J. Riddell, Miss M. Mills.

The next meeting will be held January 10 in the parish hall and the next meeting of the Red Cross sewing unit in connection with St. Paul's W.A. will be held Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. Wm. Spence, Niagara St.

The rector complimented the members for a successful season's work and expressed the hope that the coming year would be fully as successful. Cards were sent to sick and shut-in members to remind them their fellow members miss them at the meetings.

SOLDIER'S SON



Leslie Thomas Drury, two and a half years, is the son of Cfn. Thomas Drury, Kamloops, B.C., and the late Mrs. Drury. He is at present making his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Drury, Mount Forest, formerly of Newmarket.

ARENA NEWS

By LES BEAZER

What a hockey set-up we have this year. Here it is, friends, read it and rejoice.

The Vets are champing at the bit, ready to take all comers and show them how. Indicative of the enthusiasm of the returned men is the fact that five aspirants turned out for the goalie's job.

Roche's Point is humming in practice and will be real contenders. The Zephyr team came out of the same neck of the woods and won the Aurora championship two years running.

The camp, under the leadership of Capt. Bing Caswell and R.S.M. Bowman, is developing into a strong contender. Ingram, former St. Mike's player, will take a lot of watching.

The merchants had Cliff Gunn and some of the other locals out for practice and at last this doubtful team is beginning to show some life. How some of these hockey players have to be coaxed and coddled so-and-so doesn't like what his name and so it goes. Rather childish, eh what? Let's all get together and have a team worthy of the name Newmarket.

The juvenile C team is progressing very favorably with eight players berthed. There are still eight more berths to fill. Broughton was elected captain by unanimous vote and the two-hour workout on Christmas Day was a peach. Smith and Walker, second defence, are beginning to show some talent for bouncing the boys about.

The midgets are having the week off as Fred Hall is on a much-needed holiday. Next week, however, they go on a double schedule of practices.

Here's one for the Ice Follies of 1946. All girls, 16 and over, who want to take part in the Pony Girls ballet (formerly Drum Majorettes) are asked to be at the arena Monday night at 7 p.m.

The veterans team in Newmarket is the first 100 percent veteran team to be iced in Canada. Rehabilitation is the word. Hats off to the president and executive. The Canadian corps constitution defines a 100 percent vet.

We just can't get a rise out of Richmond Hill and Bradford bush leagues so here is our challenge. Newmarket and Aurora bush leagues can trim the pants off you. We mean it. Do you accept? If so, name your seconds and we will discuss the date and time. Aurora vs. Richmond Hill and Newmarket vs. Bradford with the winners to play-off for the North York bush league championship. We will play you for the urn or for the gate receipts or for both.

The Ice Follies of 1946 will be staged in Newmarket Memorial arena on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 14 and 15, with a Valentine party as the background. By popular demand, the Gay Nineties number will be repeated. The opening number is entitled Chickery Chick and is sure to bring the house down.

Headaches of a manager of a natural ice arena. Six a.m., 15 below zero. Six p.m., 33 above zero.

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT GIVEN THREE MONTHS ON ESCAPE CHARGE

Wm. Gordon Wilcox was sentenced to three months on a charge of escaping the custody of a police officer in magistrate's court here Friday. Magistrate W. E. McIlveen presided. A concurrent sentence was given the accused on a charge of wilfully damaging public property. Sentence was suspended for one year on a charge of passing a worthless cheque which was heard two weeks ago.

The accused man, who first appeared in court some months ago, pleaded guilty to the escape and damage charges. In a previous hearing of the cheque charge, accused had said that he remembered nothing of the events surrounding the charge and he repeated the assertion Friday during the hearing of the last two charges.

Suffering from epileptic fits, accused said that on the day the charges had been laid, he had taken an overdose of drugs to prevent an attack and later had two glasses of beer. He claimed that his condition plus the beverage had the effect of making him unaware of what he was doing.

Constable William Burke, Sutton, said that on September 15, he had arrested the accused and locked him in the Sutton jail. "I left the jail for 15 minutes and when I returned, I found the blanket in the cell smoking," he testified. "Before I entered the cell, I saw accused at the window with an iron bar. He was trying to break the bars on the window." He said accused appeared quite normal.

Continuing his testimony, Constable Burke said that he had put the accused man in a taxi cab to take him to Toronto. "At Thornhill, accused said he was ill and appeared to be in agony. I opened the door and accused jumped from the car and ran towards the Thornhill Golf clubhouse. I chased him but lost him. He was later arrested at his home in Queensville by Constable J. E. Jardine."

George Timmins, Sutton taxi cab driver, corroborated Constable Burke's evidence as to the escape of accused. He said that accused acted quite normal during the drive except for the apparent spell of sickness.

Accused had nothing to say in his defence except that he had no recollection of the events described by the previous witnesses and that he had been intent on making his escape, he would not have returned to his home as he had when re-arrested by Constable Jardine.

In handing down the sentences, Magistrate McIlveen declared that he did not believe the evidence of the accused that he was not aware of what he was doing.

A charge of failing to file income tax returns against J. E. Blatchford was withdrawn as defendant has filed his returns. A second charge of failure to file returns was withdrawn as the accused is not now living in the vicinity.

The Car-U-Drive Co. was fined \$5 on each of two charges, one of parking and the other, failure to set out flares when parked. According to Constable Wm. Melbourne, provincial police, the vehicle owned by the company was parked far out on the road and without lights showing.

Announce Schedule For School Basketball

The North York inter-school basketball schedule embracing the three district high schools and two prep schools has been released by Secretary C. R. Blackstock. The schedule provides for the playing of both junior and senior games on the same date.

January 14	Newmarket vs. Richmond Hill
January 18	Aurora vs. St. Andrew's
January 23	Pickering vs. Richmond Hill
January 24	Aurora vs. Newmarket
January 29	Saint Andrew's vs. Newmarket
January 31	Pickering vs. Aurora
February 5	St. Andrew's vs. Pickering
February 7	R.H.H.S. vs. Aurora
February 14	N.I.H.S. vs. Pickering
February 15	R.H.H.S. vs. St. Andrew's
February 18	St. Andrew's vs. Richmond Hill
February 21	Pickering vs. Newmarket
February 27	Aurora vs. Newmarket
January 29	St. Andrew's vs. Newmarket
March 1	Pickering vs. St. Andrew's
March 7	Aurora vs. Pickering
March 8	N.I.H.S. vs. St. Andrew's
March 14	N.I.H.S. vs. Aurora
March 14	R.H.H.S. vs. Pickering
March 19	R.H.H.S. vs. Newmarket
March 21	St. Andrew's vs. Aurora

There are no play-offs in the league unless the teams are tied.

MOUNT PLEASANT

The weather continues cold. Many enjoyed watching the eclipse last Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stiles and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown, Sutton, motored to Toronto last Thursday.

Mr. Bert Stephens is home from Petawawa for the holidays.

Mr. Glenn Davidson, Toronto, attended the Christmas gathering at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Davidson.

The Stiles Christmas gathering was held at the home of Mrs. Everett Yorke and Claude.

Many are suffering from severe colds.

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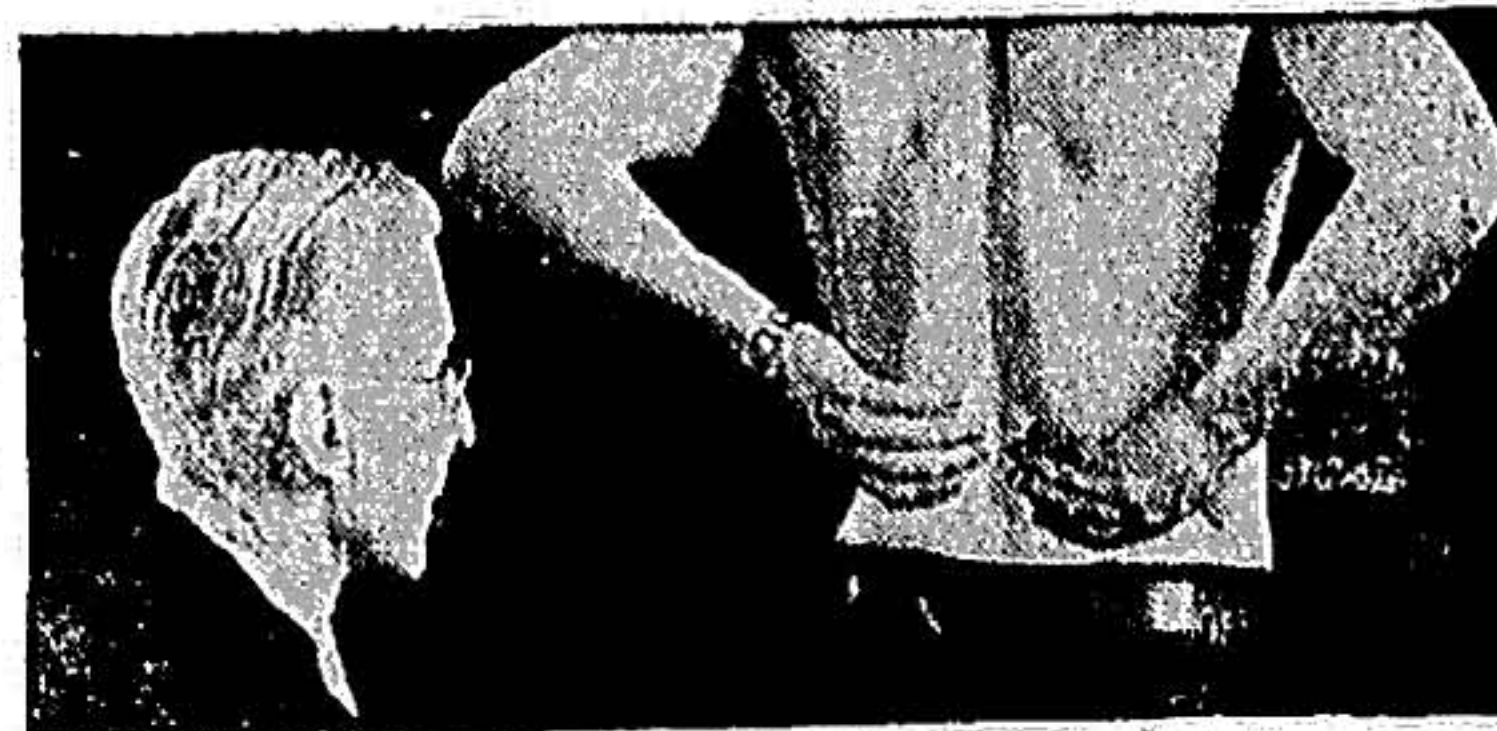
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SCOTT

THINK GEORGINA ASKS TOO MUCH FOR PLOW

The final meeting of the Scott township council for the year was held at the township hall in the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 15. All members were present. Communications were read from department of highways, enclosing auditor's report for 1944 expenditures; from Ford Lapp, school attendance report for October; from H. J. Pearson, correcting certain assessments; from George Moore, account of claim for injury to truck breaking through a bridge; from local hydro-electric offices with a contract for acceptance.

The date for return of the collector's roll was extended until next meeting.

The clerk advised to report to township of Georgina that council considers rate of pay asked for use of snow plowing equipment too high and unless lower rate is obtainable would prefer that agreement be entered for each municipality to look after a set portion of the township.

Reeve Bain was authorized to contact War Assets Corporation with a view to purchasing a crawler type, angle blade V plow and gravel loader.

The clerk was authorized to purchase copies of the book The Municipal Council And Councilor for members of the council.

The following accounts were passed: pay roll No. 13, labor on roads, \$116.80; Wm. Hackner, trucking, \$54; Robert Leask, gravelling, \$219; Card's Garage, repairs to truck, \$48.90; Mrs. Helen Munro, wire fence bonus, \$48; Uxbridge township, maintenance, \$183.75; Georgina township, townline settlement, \$374.07; Uxbridge township, townline settlement, \$374.07; Brock township, townline settlement, \$9.25; East Gwillimbury township, half expenditure on townline, \$291; Reach township, half expenditure on townline, \$280.60;

Stead's store, gasoline, etc., \$13.39; R. Flumerfelt, sleepers for bridge, \$13.20; Ross Johnson, salary, \$83.30; D. J. Kean, services re bridge con. 6, \$35; Ben Kester, postage, road account, \$1.93; Hydro-Electric Com., half year street light, Zephyr, \$45; P. Hollinger, sheep killed by dogs, \$14; Carl Meyers, sheep valuation, \$2; Harvey Shier, one sheep killed by dogs, \$12;

Geo. Harrison, sheep valuation, \$2; H. Pearson, three days on county assessment work, \$15; Ben Kester, postage, \$13.67; W. O. Webster, postage and stationery, \$15.31; Wm. Moore, attending street lights, \$15; B. Blackburn, use of auto two days, county assessment meeting, \$2; Wilnot Bain, preparing financial statement, \$4; Municipal World, supplies for treasurer, \$1.43; H. Harrison, postage and exchange, \$9.50;

Lloyd Profit, telephoning, \$2.50; Wilnot Bain, telephoning, \$5.85; Wilnot Bain, reeve, meetings committee and survey roads, \$87; B. Blackburn, meetings committee and survey roads, \$75; Lloyd Profit, meetings committee and survey roads, \$71; Stanley Miller, meetings committee and survey roads, \$63; A. Thaxter, meetings committee and survey roads, \$79; W. O. Webster, clerk, half year salary, B.O.H. and pensions, \$270;

Ben Kester, treas., half year salary, meetings and financial statement, \$118; Dr. Wilson, M.O.H., balance salary, \$72.95; Ford Lapp, S.A.O., salary, \$25; J. H. Blanchard, weed inspector and caretaker, \$38; H. Harrison, half salary 1945, \$75.

The first meeting of council for the new year will be on January 14 at 1 p.m.

ZEPHYR

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pickering and June are spending a week with Mrs. Pearl Pickering. Mr. Keith Pickering also spent a few days with his mother.

There was a good attendance at the Sunday-school Christmas supper and concert in the Sunday-school on Tuesday evening of last week. There was also a good crowd at the school Christmas concert in the hall on Thursday evening.

Miss Dorothy Baldwin, Ottawa, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. B. Kendall.

Misses Laura and Reta Horner are spending the holidays at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walker spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walker.

Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Bamford and Charlie spent a couple of days in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pickering and family spent Christmas in Newmarket with Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galbraith spent Christmas visiting in Milton and Toronto.

Mrs. E. Thomas, Miss Mary Thomas, Toronto, Miss Lillian Thomas, Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Hart and Miss Eileen Hart, Newmarket, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. Thomas and Bruce.

Mr. J. W. Ryndar spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. H. Palmer and Joan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Galbraith are spending a few days with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, in Weston.

Mrs. Bartlett and family spent Sunday visiting relatives in Toronto.

Miss Blanche Clark spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Heaton and Kenneth and Mr. W. Rye visited Mr. and Mrs. T. Heaton on Sunday.

Mrs. B. Kendall spent a few days in Toronto recently.

Mrs. H. Morrison underwent an operation in York County hospital on Tuesday.

There was a special Christmas service on Sunday evening in the United church when the school children and the choir both sang two anthems. During the service a baptismal font was presented to the church from the choir which read "We, the members of Zephyr United church choir, desire to present to our church this baptismal font to be used for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom and for the dedication in the service of holy baptism of little children to be brought up and trained in fellowship with God. Therefore we would wish you, our elders in Christ in this congregation and members of the session, to accept this font and hold it in sacred trust for this holy purpose". This inscription was followed by the names of the present choir.

GLENVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gould and family spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Russell Hughes, and Mr. Hughes, Newmarket.

Mrs. Aubrey Doane is spending a few days with her parents at Clarksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keffer spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sweetie.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hartman and Susanne, Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. John King, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. Roy Sharpe, Misses Hazel and Clarice Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lyons, Maple, spent Christmas with Mrs. Lyons' sister, Mrs. Elmer Cutting, and Mr. Cutting.

SHARON

The January meeting of the Sharon W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Osborne on Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 2.30 p.m. The roll-call will be something My Grandparents told Me. The grandmothers will provide the program. The refreshments committee is Mrs. David Coates, Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. W. B. Selby and Mrs. Fife.

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Back From Overseas

A number of overseas personnel will either have arrived home by press time or will be home before New Year's Day according to advice received by relatives.

Tpr. Alfred Cooper, Larmont St., who enlisted with the First Hussars in 1941, went overseas that fall. He took part in the D-Day landings and went through to Germany. Tpr. Cooper, a former Aurora hockey player, was married in England and his wife will follow him to Canada early in the new year.

Cpl. Joseph McGhee, R.C.A.F., another former well-known Aurora athlete, enlisted in 1941. After being stationed in Canada, he went overseas late in 1941 and has been stationed in England. A brother, John, was recently discharged from the R.C.A.F. His wife and son, Bobby, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGhee, eagerly await his arrival.

Pte. Norman Foster, R.C.A.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, Mosley St., is a well-known cycling star. He enlisted in 1941 and has been overseas since 1943. A brother, Pte. Harold Foster, served with him on the continent and is expected home in Canada soon.

Scott Annan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Annan, graduate of Aurora high school, enlisted in 1942 with the R.C.A.F. He went overseas in 1943. During his stay in England he was married and Mrs. Annan is expected in Canada early in the new year.

COUNCIL RENTS HALL FROM SCHOOL BOARD

Aurora town council instructed Mayor Ross Linton and Clerk A. C. A. Willis to enter into an agreement with the Aurora public school board, whereby the municipality will take a lease for 20 years, terminable by either party on six months' notice, on Health hall, presently occupied by the Aurora public library, at the final 1945 meeting on Saturday evening.

The town will pay \$1 per year rental, but will be responsible for any damage to the building and for any renovations that are needed.

Present heating facilities at the library are presenting a problem on the cold days and the board and the municipality will likely deal with the problem after the New Year.

Health hall is not included in any present plans for a new school being formulated for the board but will be left as it is for a library by the board.

MARRIES ON DAY ARRIVES HOME

Capt. C. Sandford "Sandy" Stewart returned home Tuesday of last week with the Queen's Own Rifles and early that evening was married in Dovercourt Presbyterian church, Toronto, to Pauline Seace. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bonisteel and the late Arthur Bonisteel of Aurora and Toronto, and Capt. Stewart is the son of Mrs. Stewart and the late Shirley Stewart of Toronto.

Rev. Ross K. Cameron performed the marriage ceremony and Henry Atack played the wedding music. The bride was given in marriage by the Rev. P. R. Soanes, and wore a dress of hyacinth blue wool, with matching wool hat, trimmed with fuchsia feathers and a corsage of orchids and cyclamen on her sable muff. Mrs. R. K. Cameron was her attendant, wearing a plum-colored crepe dress with matching hat and corsage of pink roses. Lt.-Col. S. M. Lett, commanding officer of the First Battalion, was best man.

Mrs. Bonisteel wore a gray wool dress with matching hat and a corsage of violets and red roses and the groom's mother chose a frock of leaf green crepe with brown hat and corsage of Talisman roses. Miss Graham Stewart, the groom's sister, wore hunter's green velvet with brown felt hat trimmed with gold feathers and corsage of gold mums.

Following the ceremony the couple informally received their guests who included Mrs. S. M. Lett and company commanders of the regiment with their wives, and immediate families of the bride and groom. After a short wedding trip they will live in Toronto.

FREDERICK HINDS HAS 78TH BIRTHDAY

Frederick Hinds, Edward St., celebrated his 78th birthday on Christmas day. Nearly 50 years ago, Mr. Hinds, who still enjoys fair health, was toll-gate keeper near the present Aurora subway. He was employed by the Aurora Flour and Feed Mills until his retirement a few years ago. A daughter, Mrs. James Shave, resides in Aurora.

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

WITH THE FORCES

LAC Russell Clubine, Newtonbrook, formerly of Aurora, spent Sunday in town.

Wren Hazel Sherman, Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sherman.

Lieut.-Col. C. R. Boulding, E.D., London military hospital, is spending leave at his home.

OS Jim Rowe, R.C.N.V.R., is spending leave with his mother, Mrs. Bert Rowe.

Flt.-Lieut. Craig McKenzie, D.F.C., Trenton, spent Christmas with his father, H. M. McKenzie.

Major W. G. A. Lambie, R.C.D., Camp Borden, spent Christmas leave at his home.

Flt.-Lieut. Charles Rowe, Trenton, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Bert Rowe.

Pte. Charles Seath, Farham, has received his discharge from the army.

Sgt. Ted Rowe, Yorkton, Sask., is spending leave with his mother, Mrs. Bert Rowe.

WITH THE CHURCHES

By means of the generous response at the White Gift service held at Aurora United church last Sunday, \$212 was raised for the Save the Children Fund, as well as 150 pounds of children's and infants' clothing.

OFFICERS INSTALLED IN LOCAL LODGE

With York county officers in attendance, headed by Wor. Sir K. J. Atkinson, the county preceptor, Royal Black Preceptory No. 1061, Aurora, held its installation of officers in the Orange Hall on Dec. 13.

Wor. Sir K. J. Atkinson, Keswick, heads the lodge with the following officers: dep. p., W. J. Thompson, Aurora; chap., Clarence Mackey, Aurora; rec. sec., J. W. Hudson, Aurora; fin. sec., Marshall Rank, Aurora; treas., W. H. Taylor, Aurora; lecturers, J. W. Hirst, Keswick, and George Mackey, Aurora; censors, R. Hayward and J. Orr, Richmond Hill.

Standard bearers, E. Watkins, Aurora, and C. Pickrell, Mount Albert; pursuivant, W. H. Patterson, Aurora; cpm., S. C. Chapman, Aurora, Joseph Collins, Humber Bay, Grant McCaehen, Oak Ridges, Albert Hawkes, Richmond Hill, J. W. Hirst, Marshall Rank and Clifford Corbett, Aurora; auditors, R. H. Kane, Richmond Hill, and J. W. Hirst.

Have Christmas Party AT Teen-Age Club

Aurora Teen-Age club held a gala Christmas party in the Aurora high school on Saturday night. Jeanne Melbourne was mistress of ceremonies and besides boogie-woogie and games, a short musical program of Christmas carols, a solo by Miss Kathleen Rose, and a hot piano number by Clayton Rose were featured. Reeve C. E. Sparks was present and presented some of the prizes.

Santa Claus was on hand, too, and surprised Councillor R. V. Smith, the club's founder, with two folios of recordings. There were 150 present on Saturday and by popular request, another jam session was held on Boxing day. The club meets again on Friday night.

Aurora United church Y.P.U. held a play party, under the direction of Miss Aileen Belyea, on Tuesday evening of last week.

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Memorial Site Fund Now Stands At \$2,495

With a donation of \$50 from Miss Genevieve Robinson's class (last year's grade five), and \$100 from the Aurora Art Group, the Aurora Board of Trade Memorial Site Fund now stands at \$2,495. The fund will be augmented early in the New Year with the proceeds from the next paper salvage on Jan. 5.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Edith Rowe, Reg. N., Toledo, Ohio, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hess spent Christmas at Norwich, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Loon and family of Toronto, Sgt. and Mrs. Arnold Davis, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bugler and family of Newmarket were out-of-town Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yake spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Jefferey at Orillia.

Among members of the school teaching profession who are spending the holidays at home are: Miss Bertha Andrews, Creemore continuation school, with Mrs. M. L. Andrews; Miss Geraldine King, Chesley, with Mr. and Mrs. Lee King; Miss Constance Willis, Hamilton, with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willis; Miss Thelma Hayes, Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes; Miss Mary Annan, Churchill, with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Annan; Miss Helen Boynton, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boynton.

Mr. Donald Acton, Queen's University, Kingston, and Mrs. Acton, spent Christmas with Mrs. Acton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steels and family of Islington spent Christmas with Mrs. Charles Webster.

The Aurora Badminton club is holding a New Year's Eve dance at the Aurora high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Richards, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Birch, Newmarket, and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Brown, Willowdale, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Richards.

Among university students spending the holidays at their homes are: Mary Bowman, Bill Babcock, Elaine Ough, Harold Oliver, Larry Maughan, Bill Devins, Guelph O.A.C.; George King, Queen's University, John Crysdale, Patricia Sisman.

Ralph Grieves, Logan college, St. Louis, Mo., is spending the holidays at his home.

Vandorf junior farmers held a skating party at Aurora arena on Boxing day, being entertained afterwards by Professor and Mrs. Ernest Smith.

Miss Dorothy Clarke, Toronto, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Knowles, and family have moved to Trenton where Flt.-Sgt. Knowles is stationed with the R.C.A.F. in charge of fire protection. Flt. Sgt. Knowles will be on service with the permanent force.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Knowles, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. Rose Cockerill.

Miss Kathleen Rose, Toronto Conservatory of Music, is spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Crawford Rose.

Mrs. A. Radcliffe and Douglas Radcliffe, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Smith.

Trinity Anglican church Sunday-school is holding its annual Christmas concert this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Borden and Miss Doris Borden, Clarkson, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Walker.

Miss Beryl Phillips spent Christmas at Uxbridge with her sister, Mrs. A. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hamer and Miss Lavilla Hamer, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hamer.

The Aurora Fire Brigade is holding a New Year's Eve dance in the Mechanics' hall.

Miss Mary Fice, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Fice.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hacking and family, Cobourg, spent Christmas with Mrs. Robert Hacking.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mrs. J. I. Johnston, Toronto, spent Christmas day with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Closs.

Mr. Charles Browning, Toronto, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Mark Browning.

Aurora public school students had their usual Christmas treat, a free show, last Friday afternoon as guests of the Royal theatre.

Miss Mary Elliott, Toronto, spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. James Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Seath, Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Seath.

HEARS YOUNGEST SON EXPECTED HOME SOON

Mrs. Colin Nisbet received her "best Christmas present" on Christmas day when she received a cablegram from her youngest son, PO Douglas Nisbet, R.C.A.F., that he would be sailing home between Christmas and New Year's and would arrive in Aurora early in the New Year.

Contest Rumored For Council Seat As Poll Day Nears

Nominations for mayor, reeve, deputy-reeve, six councillors, three public school trustees and one hydro commissioner for a two-year term will take place at Trinity church parish hall on New Year's Eve at 7.30 p.m. Nominations will be open for an hour, after which the candidates will address the meeting and the town's affairs will be discussed.

The change from Mechanics' Hall to Trinity Hall was made because of the New Year's Eve dance being held in the former hall under the auspices of the Aurora Fire Brigade.

If an election is to be held it will be on January 8 with the polls opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. Polling booths and officials named are as follows: Ward 1: Vote at Queen's Hotel, James Murray, returning officer, James Raeside, poll clerk; Ward 2: Vote at town hall, W. H. Taylor, returning officer, William MacGirr, poll clerk; Ward 3: Vote at Mechanics' Hall, Orval Heath, returning officer, Thomas Rogers, poll clerk; Ward 4: Vote at Frankcom's House, William Dunning, returning officer, Earl Fielding, poll clerk; Ward 5: Vote at Milgate's show rooms, Charles Davies, returning officer, Walter Milgate, poll clerk.

There is not much talk concerning the elections in town. The names of ex-Councillor Thomas Swindle, ex-Warden Harry Corner, Stewart Patrick and others are suggested as likely to seek the seat on council formerly held by Councillor Fred Rowland. It is rumored, too, that Dr. E. J. Henderson, former member of council and president of the Aurora Board of Trade, may also be a candidate for some municipal post.

4-Team Mercantile Loop Hits The Ice Here Jan. 8

Tuesday, Jan. 8, will see the Aurora mercantile league open for its fourth straight year.

Zephyr, which has won the championship the past two years, is entered with another strong team to defend the John W. Bowser trophy. Ballantrae, led by Herb Simpson, Aurora R.C.O. depot under the leadership of Cpl. "Nip" Spooner and the Aurora-Vandorf Combines, directed by Leo Nidderly and Harold Botham, complete the circuit.

The four teams appear well balanced in strength and a closely fought series is anticipated. Herbert Holman heads the Aurora executive as president, with T.A.M. "Ab" Hulse as secretary-treasurer.

The executive is composed of H. Morrison and B. Lockie, Zephyr; Herb Simpson and Jack Beech, Ballantrae; Leo Nidderly and Harold Botham, Vandorf; and Herb Farley and Norm Goodhead, R.C.O.C. depot. The opening games will find ordinance playing Zephyr in the first match at 8 p.m. and Combines meeting Ballantrae in the nightcap. Mayor Ross Linton will be on hand to face the opening puck.

Each team can sign 15 players with intermediate and junior A players as well as senior O.H.A. and T.H.L. players being barred from competition. An emergency fund for injured players will be set up. Territorial boundaries for signing players has been waived this season which will allow for a lot of new faces in the league.

The Aurora group will play an inter-locking schedule with the four-club Newmarket mercantile loop which should prove a real gate attraction as well as providing top-flight competition. The winners of the two circuits will meet to decide the district championship and it is also hoped to play-off with the winners of the Richmond Hill mercantile league and the South Simcoe O.R.H.A. group. First inter-town clash will take place at Newmarket on January 3. Under the schedule, each team in the two groups will play each other once.

LEAGUE TO OPERATE ON PERCENTAGE BASIS

The Aurora mercantile hockey league will be on a percentage basis at the Aurora arena this winter in place of an ordinary rental fee. The league will receive 60 percent of the gate, and from its share will pay the referee, advertising and other expenses. The town will pay the ticket seller and ticket taker from their share. In other years the league has rented the arena at \$10 a night, but Councillor R. V. Smith and Councillor Elwood Davis, pointing to the low revenue from the arena, were successful in having this arrangement approved by the council. Andrew Closs will again be ticket seller at the rink.

HOLD LAST SERVICE FOR CHARLES REED

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15 for Charles Reed, Aurora district resident, who died at his north Yonge St. residence on Dec. 12 after a brief illness. Mr. Reed was in his 58th year and had served with the United States army during the Great War. He resided in the Aurora area for over 20 years and was a skilled mechanic, blacksmith and carpenter. He was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Rev. Alphaeus Noseworthy, Toronto, conducted the funeral service and the pallbearers were Lorne Cousins, Archie Cousins, Dr. J. E. Walker, Frank Hutchinson, Richard March and William Cutting. He is survived by his widow, the former Ann Jenkins, and one son, Lorne, who served overseas.

LEAFS HEAD LEAGUE

By virtue of two straight wins, Maple Leafs lead the Aurora Lions bantam league. The Leafs scored an 8-2 win over Rangers and then took Bruins 4-2. In their previous game, played a 4-4 tie with Red Wings, the defending champions.

FIRST MEETING JANUARY 21

The Aurora and district war veterans' association will hold their first official meeting on Monday, Jan. 21, in Mechanics' Hall. A representative of the Canadian Legion will be present for the occasion.

SEND BOXES

The Aurora Red Cross sent Christmas boxes of fruit and other goodies to all veterans of either war who are confined to hospital.

VANDORF

Miss Joan McEwen, Holt, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Irwin.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Oliver for the weekend were Miss Marguerite Quickfall and Miss Grace Beech, Toronto.

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Happy New Year, boy and girl! Happy New Year, newlyweds! Happy New Year all you family folk! And Happy New Year old-timers. There isn't a person in town whom we want to forget in sending forth our greetings for a 1946 that's wonderful in every way. So whoever you are, wherever you are, join with us in New Year's excitement with happy days ahead.



We hope the New Year proves to be a surprise package for you—with only the best of everything in store for you, your family, your friends and all those you hold near and dear. None but the best for the best of customers—is our wish.

H. E. GILROY



Even the clock wears a merry smile as he counts off the minutes that will see 1945 wrapped in mothballs and 1946 emerging as a beautiful year with good things for every man, woman and child in the land. Our New Year's Greetings spread far and wide.

NEWMARKET RADIO ELECTRIC



We certainly hope that your outlook is always bright and that day and night good fortune will follow you. Can't say we're sorry to see the old year go—and we sure are glad to welcome the new.



DON. SMITH

Ding, dong bell: You ring out farewell to 1945 and usher in 1946 with all its promise of the things that make for happier living. We listen to your peals with good cheer and high hopes.



DON. GILKES



We thought of writing a personal greeting to everyone we know—but we'd feel so badly if anyone was overlooked. So here's the way we choose to say A HAPPY NEW YEAR to every man, woman and child we can count a friend.

MORRISON'S



Luck be with you in all your endeavors through the year ahead. We wish you and your family the best of everything.

GEO. W. LUESBY



We hope bright lights illumine your way through 1946, and that every step you take is in the direction of happiness and contentment. Happy New Year, everybody!

J. A. PERKS



Now you can spend more time in your home again, with family and friends. Now you can have more leisure to enjoy, and we hope that those are only two of many good things 1946 will make possible for you. Hearty greetings—and call on us any time we can be of service.

CLIFF INSLEY



Oh what a wonderful feeling—to be able to say "Happy New Year" once again, with many a reason for merriment in our sincere greetings. We want to thank you for your co-operation as our customer during difficult days and to pledge ourselves to continued good service.

ELMAN W. CAMPBELL



This is a New Year's to begin with those you love best—a time for festivity and gay songs; for good things to eat and drink, for lively music and cheerful surroundings. Start the New Year right and enjoy all 1946!

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When you hear midnight strike out, ringing in 1946, remember that wherever you are our good wishes go with you for a year of contentment.

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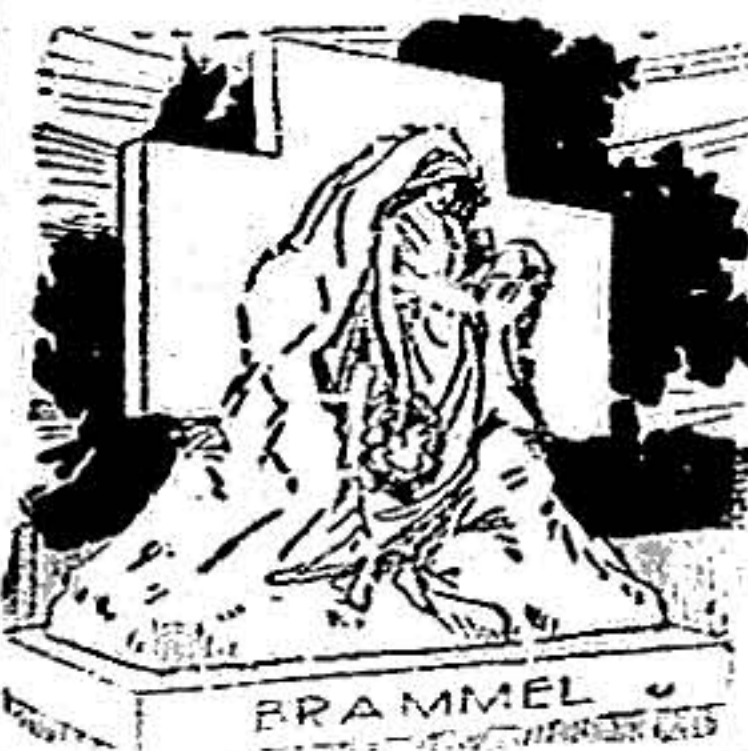
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF ALEXAN-
DER MCKEE, DECEASED.

All persons having claims
against the above mentioned de-
ceased, late of the town of New-
market, in the county of York,
who died on or about the 19th
of September, 1945, are required
to file proof of same with the
undersigned solicitor for the ex-
ecutors on or before 10th of Jan-
uary, 1946.

After that date the estate will
be distributed, having regard
only to the claims of which the
undersigned shall then have had
notice.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 MEAT COUPON 18	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17 SUGAR COUPONS 68, 69 BUTTER COUPON 137 MEAT COUPON 20	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 BUTTER COUPON 138 MEAT COUPON 21	25	26
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DOWN THE CENTRE

Before we realize it the bells
will chime, horns will blow and
kid 1946 will make his debut in
a happy, if slightly befuddled
world. It's six years since a
member of the New Year fam-
ily made his appearance under
more auspicious circumstances
and if he isn't robust and rosy-
checked, a miniature "Super-
man", we'll be greatly surprised.
Looking back on 1945 each
and everyone must admit no
matter what reverses or losses
we sustained, that we have much
to be thankful for. Christmas
presents must take second place
to the biggest gift we all re-
ceived during the year in the
cessation of hostilities, for Can-
ada at least, and the coming of
peace. Every family in some
way or other was affected by
the dread spectre of war, some
unfortunately more than others.
Now most of our boys are home
from overseas, back at their old
jobs, deep in the family circle,
which surprisingly enough is sel-
dom appreciated in its true
meaning except in times of stress
and strain or at the Yuletide
season.

We humans are a funny lot,
seldom satisfied and expressing
in our lives the true Christmas
spirit only for a few brief,
fleeting moments during the
year, yet every New Year we
face the future full of high, new
resolves, determined that "it
can't happen here or can't hap-
pen again". Next year is always
going to be the one that will
bring that fine new world pic-
tured differently but essentially
the same in the minds of all
of us. It is going to take a few
months for the sword to become
a plowshare, for the civvy suit
to fit as snugly as did khaki or
blue.

If everything else could as
quickly get back to normal as
the sporting scene, it would be a
wonderful world, for by this
time next year, except for the
many missing faces, everything
should be humming in high gear
and things should be pretty much
"as was". For most Christmas
was indeed something to be re-
membered deep down inside. To
those who sent us greetings and
gifts, or merely by phone or word
said "Merry Christmas" we say
"Thanks a million". It is always
a source of real pleasure to
know our humble efforts were
appreciated by some at least and
it is those unexpected words that
add to the words from the heart
of old friends tried and true.
We can't acknowledge here the
many seasonal greetings we re-
ceived but this year we did re-
ceive the biggest bundle of mail
ever. We especially appreciated
those cards from overseas, from
distant parts of Canada and from
folks we haven't seen or heard
from for far too many months.
In the age old words of Tiny Tim
"God bless them all".

For six years we have been
doing a year-end review, in brief,
but comprehensive form. After-
wards we always realize we
missed some of the big moments
but memory is a fickle jade and
some of the things we will al-
ways remember to others may
not seem as important. Here
goes for the last round-up of
1945.

Hockey: Charlie Rowntree
again coaches Richmond Hill
who, along with Markham Jun-
iors, carried the O.H.A. banner
for North York. The ultimate
group winner was Port Credit,
a rugged, tough-fighting crew,
with unorthodox training meth-
ods who subsequently bowed
out to Barrie Colts. Aurora's
Billy Mundell was one of the
stars of the group at 16. The
Newmarket Redmen were un-
able to carry on due to the fact
that military players were ruled
ineligible. It was a hard blow
to many clubs in the O.H.A. but
the only just one.

Newmarket camp trotted out
one of the greatest amateur clubs
ever to be assembled in Ontario
and the district fans enjoyed
some of the greatest games ever
played anywhere. Billy Taylor,
Bep Guidolin, Chuck Shannon,
from pro ranks along with top-
flight amateurs like Joint Mc-
Comb, gave out with plenty of
thrills. Those games with the
game-fighting Toronto navy club
will never be erased from the
pages. Capt. Bing Caswell and
Major Art Adams gave the camp

their most outstanding team in
their short but hectic history,
now fast drawing to a close.
Zephyr Blues, backed by sterling
goal tending by Robert "Silent"
Peters and including Mutt Col-
lings in their line-up, took the
Aurora mercantile honors from
a hard-fighting Vandoni crew.
Herb Simpson's Ballantrae lad-
dies and ordnance both had their
moments in the year's proceed-
ings. Combines led by Charlie
Ryan won the title of the Hill
bush league but mild weather
cancelled the series with Zephyr.
Leagues of similar calibre flour-
ished at Sutton, Uxbridge,
Stouffville and Agincourt. The
war years meant a hockey boom
for the real "gosh-honest" puck-
chasers and they are the chaps
who deserve a big hand for their
efforts.

St. Andrew's College made
only a fair showing in the prep
school group but produced fine
juvenile and midget teams which
went down fighting, in the O.M.
H.A. series. Kid hockey expan-
ded as never before in the dis-
trict. Del Babcock and Bill Hol-
loway had a juvenile team which
handled the best in exhibition
tilts. Aurora Lions bantam title
went to "Bruins" and in all,
under the leadership of Leonard
Simmons, over \$400 was spent on
hockey for the Aurora kids.

Bradford Lions had a four-club
league going in Celerytown.
Grant Nishwander and his
associates had three minor teams
in the T.H.L. all near winners
for Richmond Hill, Woodbridge,
Sutton and Newmarket had sim-
ilar experiences on a lesser de-
gree. Toronto Leafs surprised
everybody including themselves
by winning the Stanley Cup after
Les Canadiens had led the league
all season and had tossed away
most records in the book. Maur-
ice Richard set a new scoring
mark of 50 goals in 50 games.
Elmer Lach, also of Montreal,
bested Clint Smith's mark for
assists with a total of 54 aids in
50 games.

Syd Howe of Detroit climaxed
a 16-year playing record by set-
ting an all-time scoring figure of
582 points, breaking Nels Stew-
art's record. Dit Clapper played
sound hockey in his 18th year of
competition for Boston. Herbie
Cain again stamped himself as
one of the best day-in-and-day-
out performers in modern hock-
ey. Illness forced Bill Thoms to
the permanent retired list. Now
he has become a referee. Billy
Wilson turned pro at the end of
March with Buffalo, now he is
with Tulsa. Hugh Mair, out of
the navy, also joined the monied
ranks with Tulsa.

Joint McComb finally got his
big chance and is pivoting a line
for Providence Reds. Johnny
Callanan, the heart throb of the
Newmarket camp team, joined
Kansas City Pla-Mors who are
current leaders of the American
Association. Herb Mitchell,
former Aurora boy, comes out of
retirement to coach Baltimore
Clippers. All through the pro
ranks are fellows who once per-
formed for some team in these
parts. Most servicemen turning
pro have done pretty well con-
sidering everything.

Don Willison returned to am-
ateur ranks along with Normie
Mann, a first re-union since
1933. Chuck Shannon stayed
"shamateur" too.

Aurora enters O.M.H.A. com-
petition for the first time and
hopes to see a good district
league. Bush league hockey
comes to life in Newmarket and
an inter-locking schedule is
drafted with the Aurora group.
Bradford enters the O.R.H.A.
along with Sutton. Les Beazer
beats the district with the first
natural ice two years in a row.
Municipal ownership at Newmar-
ket and Bradford proves a suc-
cess. Barrie, after much "blood,
sweat and tears", installs artifi-
cial ice and enters junior A hock-
ey.

Frank McCool, the ulcer bear-
ing hero of the Stanley Cup,
clashes with Leafs officials and
goes home to Calgary. Leafs
forced to recall, when refrain
"What's Wrong With The Leafs?"
grew too strong for Messrs.
Smythe, Solke and Day. Im-
mediate difference noted. Tor-
onto sports writers set all time
high for allis.

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BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday wishes are this week
extended to:

Helen Watt, Newmarket, seven
years old on Saturday, Dec. 22.
Cora Wernham, Holland Land-
ing, 11 years old on Sunday, Dec.
23.

Ruby Elizabeth Wilson,
Downsview, 11 years old on
Monday, Dec. 24.

Nora Preston, Bethesda, ten
years old on Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Marilyn Yvonne Hurst, Au-
rora, 11 years old on Wednesday,
Dec. 26.

Nola Vidal, Keswick, 11 years
old on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Bill Woods, Schomberg, seven
years old on Friday, Dec. 28.

Ruth Williams, Laskay, 12
years old on Friday, Dec. 28.

Donald Charles Holmes, Strat-
ford, eight years old on Sat-
urday, Dec. 29.

Send in your name, age and
birthday and become a member
of The Era and Express birthday
club.

QUEENSVILLE

Mr. Lorne Smith is spending
his Christmas holidays with
friends in Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stickwood
left on Thursday of last week for
Madoc where they will spend
Christmas with their son, How-
ard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Denne and
Ruth, Newmarket, were visiting
friends here last Sunday.

The public school Christmas
concert, held last week, was a
splendid success. The installing
of a loud speaker by Art Alex-
ander made it possible to hear
the youngest performer in every
part of the room.

Constable Joe Jardine is at
present in the Lockwood Clinic
where he has gone for treatment.

The annual Christmas concert
of the United church Sunday-
school held last Friday evening
was well attended. The main
feature of the evening was a
play given by the young people,
entitled Complete Rest, and was
much appreciated.

Many attended the Christmas
service in the United church and
appreciated the singing of the
special Christmas music by the
choir and the singing of The
Virgin's Lullaby by six girls.
The church was beautifully de-
corated with evergreens and poin-
settias.

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"IT'S A PLEASURE"

PLEASANTVILLE

The Bogartown school con-
cert, held on Thursday evening,
was a decided success. Much
credit is due the teacher, Miss
S. McQueen, and pupils.

The Sunday evening service
was well attended at the Union
church. Owing to the continued
illness of Rev. R. R. McMath,
Rev. Mr. Warren, Aurora, had
charge.

Mrs. A. M. Colville has been
confined to bed with the flu
for several days.

Little Edith Kay is also ill and
was unable to take her part at
the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Morton
and family of Queensville were
Sunday dinner guests a week
ago at the home of Mrs. G. Mc-
Clure.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hawtin,
Ottawa, arrived at the home of
Mrs. E. Hawtin for over the
holiday.

Miss S. McQueen left on Fri-
day to spend the holidays at her
home near Stayner.

Miss M. Marriott, Hamilton, is
visiting her brother-in-law and
sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Starr.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harrison
and Georgie, Snowball, were
Sunday tea guests at the home of
Mr. M. Sheridan.

Mr. Laurence Needler and
Dorothy Dow were married at
the Presbyterian church, New-
market, on Christmas Day.

Classifieds usually bring re-
sults.

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MAPLE HILL

There was a good attendance at church last Sunday. Mr. Kerr preached a fine Christmas sermon and there was special music by Mrs. Mothershead, Mrs. Kerr and the children in the Sunday-school.

An enjoyable time was spent last Friday evening when the Christmas party was held for the children of the Sunday-school. There was a short program given by the children after which they received their prizes for attendance at Sunday-school during the past year.

A splendid program was put on at the school last Tuesday night.

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MOUNT ALBERT

VETERANS IN FAVOR
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At a meeting of Mount Albert veterans held on December 20, it was decided to form a branch of the Canadian Legion and for this purpose a meeting is to be held in the Oddfellows' Hall January 8 for organization and election of officers, followed by a smoker and euchre. All veterans who volunteered for active service and whether overseas or not, are eligible to become members, also any who enlisted during any wars fought by His Majesty's forces, in the merchant marine, merchant navy, fishing patrol services or the corps of Canadian fire fighters or any member of His Majesty's forces or R.C.M.P. who have served three years or more.

This means members of the militia and those of the permanent forces are eligible for membership. All veterans of surrounding areas are invited to attend including those in the townships of Scott, Whitechurch, East Gwillimbury and Uxbridge. Full information and application forms can be had from Geo. Calver, phone Mount Albert 801.

Everyone is invited to spend New Year's Eve in the Gospel church. There will be singing, music, recitations and refreshments. The ladies are invited to donate cakes, sandwiches, etc.

Classifieds usually bring results.

SHARON

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Evans, Newmarket, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Hall and Mr. Arthur Hall attended Miss Erma Hall's school concert at Oshawa on Friday night. Miss Hall returned home with them for the holidays.

Mrs. Merton Shaw, Hamilton, and Miss Helen Shaw, Toronto, spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker and Andrew and Miss Mary Parker, Toronto, spent Christmas at the Parker home.

Mr. Arthur Thomas, Montreal, and Spr. George Thomas, Kingston, spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas.

Mr. Eugene Kiteley, Meaford, is spending a few days at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kiteley and family spent Christmas Day in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newton.

Miss Doris Mackie, Toronto, spent the weekend with her grandfather, Mr. Wilfred Fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose and Miss Kay Grose spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Loundes, Elmhurst.

Miss Ethel Shaw, Grand Rapids, Mich., spent the holiday with Miss Nora Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon and Joan, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fife.

Mrs. B. L. Phillips spent Christmas Day in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostley, Queensville, spent Monday with Mrs. Wreggit and Miss Hilda Rose. Mrs. Wreggit and Miss Rose spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldham at Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pegg.

KESWICK

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davison spent Christmas as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Felton in Toronto.

Mrs. Arthur Gilroy and Miss Eva Gilroy left on Monday to enjoy Christmas and the holiday week with Mr. Russell Gilroy in Oakville.

Mrs. Wm. Holborn and Mr. John Holborn were in Toronto for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Munro King.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Pollock and Mrs. A. Kennedy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Taylor, Newmarket, on Christmas Day.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Serrick and family were in Ringwood with Mrs. Serrick's parents for Christmas.

Severe below zero weather prevailed the week before Christmas, some mornings ten degrees but Christmas was white.

Mrs. J. Linstead and Gerald have returned after a week with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morton entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Notice To Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD NESBITT, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, MOTOR DEALER, DECEASED.

Creditors of the above-named deceased, who died at the Town of Newmarket, in the County of York, on or about the 17th day of July, 1945, are hereby notified pursuant to The Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claim on or before the 21st day of January, 1946, after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned will then have notice.

DATED at Newmarket this 19th day of December, A.D. 1945.

Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale, Newmarket, Ontario,
Solicitors for the Administrators, Emma Nesbitt and Helen Ough.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LESLIE BOSWORTH, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, GENTLEMAN, DECEASED.

Creditors of the above-named deceased, who died at the Township of Whitechurch, in the County of York, on or about the 26th day of August, 1945, are hereby notified pursuant to The Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claim on or before the 15th day of January, 1946, after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned will then have notice.

DATED at Newmarket this Thirtieth day of December, A.D. 1945.

Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale, Newmarket, Ontario,
Solicitors for Rene Denne Bosworth, administratrix.

Reindeer, Sleigh, Give
Way To Tractor, Trailer

The public school held their closing exercises on Thursday with a program and Christmas tree. Santa Claus and his helper, the clown, arrived by tractor trailer to help out with the fun, which they surely did.

Next Sunday there will be New Year's services in the United church in the morning and evening. The young people will have charge of the service and music.

Christmas services were well attended at the United church on Sunday and fine Christmas messages were given by the minister, Rev. W. H. Burgess. Lovely Christmas anthems were rendered by the choir, also many Christmas carols.

The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and sparkling Christmas bells, etc. The church school in the afternoon also had a Christmas program when each class took their parts, which made a nice change in the regular lesson period. They sang carols and a treat was given to the children at the close.

Miss Helen Burgess, Dr. Geo. Burgess and Bill Burgess, Toronto, were home with their parents for the holiday.

Mrs. Jas. Arnold left on Friday for Haileybury where she will spend a month with her son, Dr. Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morton and Betty spent Sunday in Toronto with Miss L. M. Rear.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Nash and Connie, Hamilton, spent Sunday with Major and Mrs. W. T. Caruthers.

Mrs. Macpherson of Carleton Place is spending the holidays at the home of her son, Dr. G. W. E. Macpherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Shields spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Shields' brother, Dr. Harry Shields, in Toronto.

Mrs. Winnie Ross went to Toronto on Sunday, staying over Christmas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Ashforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross are at home with Mrs. Annie Pearson for the holidays.

MOUNT ALBERT

Ralph Cooper of Christie St. hospital was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cooper, over Christmas.

Major and Mrs. W. L. Carruthers and Ann had Christmas dinner in Toronto with Mrs. Carruthers' brother, Col. J. McGillivray, who recently returned from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz, Tommy and Gail, went to Sudbury for Christmas with Mrs. Kurtz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. McArthur.

Mr. Ernie Lunau is ill at his home on Centre Road.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Boden, Oshawa, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Pegg and family were a few of a family party at the home of Mrs. Boden, Sr., for the holiday.

After a long spell of clear, cold weather which we have had, Christmas Day was a change when rain, sleet and snow made going rather bad for those who travelled to friends to spend the day.

The C.G.I.T. girls of the United church under their leader, Mrs. Burgess, travelled around the town in Mr. Sam Harper's sleigh on Christmas Eve and sang carols to the sick and shut-ins and gave each a little treat. The fancy boxes had been made and filled by the girls.

Sylvia Calver, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Boorman and children of Swanser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sammitt and Beverley, Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calver, Queensville, and Mrs. Ruth Calver, Laurence and Barbara were at a family Christmas party with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Calver.

Mrs. W. G. Allen and family of Toronto, Mrs. A. Clinton and family of Thessalon spent Christmas at the home of their sister, Mrs. Howard Morton.

Mr. H. Forder, Thessalon, spent the weekend with his daughter, Mrs. H. Morton.

Mrs. E. Seaton and Mr. and Mrs. Class, Aurora, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morton.

Ella Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Don Degeer, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stokes, Brampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Stokes and family were Christmas guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyons, Markham, and Karen, Scarborough, Ron Draper, Toronto, and Stan Draper spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Draper.

Dr. J. M. Hamilton, Geneva, N.Y., visited his mother, Mrs. Agnes Crowle, over the holidays.

Mr. Guy Williamson, who has been stationed in the far north, was home over Christmas. Mrs. Jessie Williamson has returned from a visit of several months in Toronto and is with her niece, Miss Mildred Dike.

The Newmarket Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of out of town patrons.

WILLOW BEACH
FO JACK WILKINSON
KILLED IN ENGLAND

Wilfred Graves was home over the weekend and Christmas.

Mrs. Alex. Powell was home for the holiday weekend.

The Sunday-school concert and Christmas entertainment was held on Thursday evening. There was a good attendance and the children took part in songs, recitations and drills.

Mr. J. Wilkinson received word that his eldest son, FO Jack Wilkinson, R.C.A.F., was killed in a motorcycle accident in England on Dec. 18.

DOWN THE CENTRE

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Basketball: Pickering College took both the senior and junior prep school titles but dropped their first round games in the Ontario play-offs. Barney Jackson will be back with a strong team next year. Aurora High, almost perpetual title holders in the North York secondary school league, likewise won both titles. They were a bit fortunate in the senior series, as on paper Richmond Hill had the better team and only a surprise victory by Newmarket over the Hill gave Aurora the honors. Newmarket High returned to inter-school competition and put up fine performances every time out.

Baseball: Kid Leagues provided the only baseball in North York, but it was mighty good ball. Newmarket won the juvenile honors and Aurora took the bantam. Newmarket eliminated Collingwood in the first round of the O.B.A. playdowns, but lost out to Columbus Boys in the semi-finals. Aurora was eliminated by Toronto Lizzies in a gala series. Stouffville, for years a baseball stronghold, came back to action and Milliken, a new entry in the league, like Stouffville, gave plenty of trouble, leading the juvenile section most of the year. Maple Leafs baseball school was attended by four Aurora youths who learned quite a bit of inside baseball, but no more than Del Babcock and Bill Holloway taught them all year.

Earl Cook, North York's gift to professional baseball, finally hung up his spikes and went into retirement. Frank Peppiatt, formerly of Newmarket, headed the Toronto Congress league and was also elected to the provincial executive.

Softball: Aurora R.C.O.C. brightened the season by playing some close games against Eaton Hall navy, as well as several exhibition tilts. Charlie Case, Norm Goodhead, and Nip Spooner looked best over the year. Newmarket Camp reached the finals of the M. D. 2 tournament, which was finally abandoned, as the camp lost most of its better players. Bernie Gantner came back to form with a bang. Roy Murden gave the Bob Kennedy boys their best receiving in their history. Tommy Jamieson played sparkling ball at the initial sack. Pitching strength was lacking although both Joint McComb and Bob King tried hard. "Forgy" Ferguson pitched neat ball at the end of the season. Fennell's Corners won the South Simcoe league. The whole league journeyed to Barrie recently for a chicken dinner and hockey match. Teddy Bennett played a whale of a game for Roselawns which led the Wanless senior league all season but lost out in the finals. Harold Kehlin, his old battery-mate, returned from overseas in time to get in the O.A.S.A. play-offs with Amalgamated Electric. Unionville finished at the bottom of the Denison league but kept every engagement and went down fighting. Almandale C.N.R. were the winners of the classy Barrie circuit, with such oldsters as Earl and Archie Marshall, Moos Stramsman and others, playing swell, muddball. Russ Burrows of Markham twirled for both York Depot and Tip Tops in the Beaches league.

Girls' softball had a revival. Beeton annexed the championship up north. Jack McDonald, of No. 23 fame, piloted the Orioles to the league championship at Newmarket, where Del Gibney and his associates had things percolating. Marj. McCannan, Jeanne Channon, Mary Konni and one or two others continued to show organized softball in Toronto that girls from the sticks can hold their own.

Track and field: Allstar Cameron of Newmarket camp distinguished himself by finishing third in the Hamilton marathon, winning the M. D. 2 five-mile championship and generally proving himself one of Canada's brightest prospects. Milt Wallace of the camp set a new army mile record of 4:50.6 in the M. D. 2 championships. The veteran was good every time out. Sulton captured the northern inter-school meet, Betty Hill winning the senior girls' crown. Markham won the southern inter-school honors with plenty to spare. Bill Mundell took 10 first in winning senior honors at Aurora, but didn't smash a record.

Golf: Larry Molyneux ousted Bill Banks from the club championship of the Highlands Golf club. Bill returned at the end of the season as club president for 1946. Colin Nisbet made a top flight job of improving the Aurora course which he purchased early in the year. Canadian Open played at

Thornhill attracted huge crowds with "Sir Byron" Nelson taking it all. Norm Alexander won the golf championship of Richmond Hill H.S., the first school championship played in the district. John Leary continued to show the young-ers lads at the Briars club what it was all about. Archery made its appearance on the greens and Stew Henry featured with some real Robin Hood feats. Mrs. John Ough, Jr., won the ladies' title at Highlands. Gordy DeLaat, ex-Aurora hockeyist, continued to rank as one of the leading amateurs of the country. Joe Noble was appointed pro at Summit.

Soccer: Syd Bowman produced a fine eleven at the camp which was in the fight all the way. Just finished out of the money, with Norm Briley and Bob Urquhart ranking with any player in the league. Aurora High continued to dominate district play, but Richmond Hill making its first appearance in years, threatened its supremacy. Claremont, a soccer hotbed, got back in competition, playing as Ajax Rangers in the T & D senior.

Bowling: New record was set when Doc VanderVoort, the late Billy Bosworth, Jim Law, and Andy Mordison played at Newmarket on April 9. Jack Burns of Markham was elected president of the Ontario Lawn Bowlers. Clubs, except Aurora, generally enjoyed the biggest year in their history.

Racing: Uttermost won the King's Plate as expected. John Stuart had a fair year with his steeds, increasing his winnings total. Norm Heise came up with one of the best young fillies in Canada, Willingvill, who never missed giving her supporters a run for the money and won some important races including the My Dear Stakes. Now rates at 10-1 in the King's Plate winter books with Kingarvie the favorite to win. Elizabeth Arden, formerly Elizabeth Graham of Woodbridge, saw her horses set a new winning record for a year, and race home in some of the continent's biggest features. Her trainer, Tom Smith, was suspended and his case is fast becoming a cause celebre. Fred Schelke ran Shepperton sprightly as the big grey failed to show form. Tulachmore, owned by an ex-warden of York, Bill McDonald, set a new total winnings mark for Canadian horses. Sammy Jarvis entered the running horse field as an owner, while George Cosford returned to the sport of kings again. Earl Rowe, M.P. for Dufferin-Simcoe, made his first appearance as a running horse owner, and in the trotting races produced two tips in Van Riddell and Dorothy Peters, driving them to victory at Dufferin. Millar Wray and Bob Moody of Schomberg had a good year as owners, their horses winning most times out. Both running and trotting races set new marks for the total take at the gate and pari-mutuals. C. W. Smith, in Germany with the U.S. army, takes time out to visit the tracks, but the ace jockey can't find a winner.

Rugby: St. Andrew's College enjoyed the best record in its career

under the guidance of Horace Kendall. The college captured the prep school championship with ease with Blake Taylor displaying some great form. Placed four men on all-star team. Argos gave a superb display for Teddy Morris to win the Grey Cup. Jim Cummings and Gordy Brennan played for Ottawa Trojans, and looked good. Pepper Martin gave out with oomph in Maritimes service football. Newmarket High had one of the best teams in the school's history and looked ready for regular conference competition. Pickering swallowed a sad story on the gridiron.

Swimming: St. Andrew's College captured the Little Big Four swim title. All efforts to get a swimming pool at Aurora or Newmarket were confined to talk only. Les Geizer tours as a high diver from coast to coast with Conklin's shows and lives to tell some tall tales.

A pamphlet has recently been published by the ministry of education in the United Kingdom giving details of comprehensive plans for the part time training of young persons between the ages of 15 to 18. The object of this training is to impart to the young people not only essential knowledge, but in particular to develop their characters and help them to live a healthy life as far as is possible. The educational plan provides for over a million young persons taking the courses.

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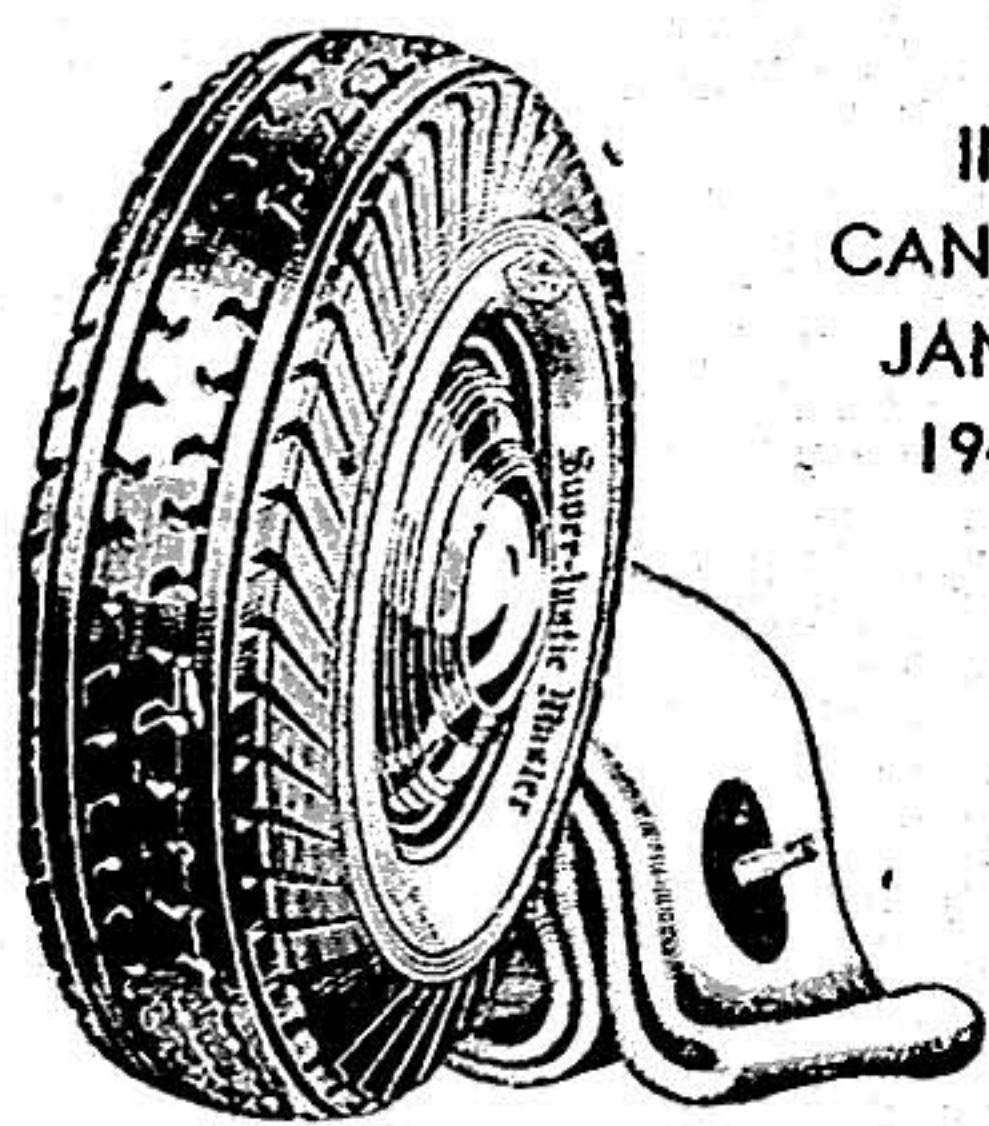
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